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GERMANY CAUGHT UP IN DILEMMA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") New York, To-day. Germany is caught between an obvious lack of launch a large-scale ofneed to "do something" Belgian borders and 18 on for reasons of internal policy, according to Otto To- thrust might be postponed OFF TO WAR lischus, Berlin correspondent of the "New York days," in which the supersti-Times."

He declares that certain military chiefs are urging an his ascension to power."offensive now, despite the un- ' Havas. favourable conditions, because they feel that the situation is deteriorating daily, and because inaction and constant threats not followed by an attack strongly affect the Army's morale and discipline also, the superiority in armaments which Germany possessed at the beginning of the war is diminishing daily.

The same circles point out that the only alternative to an attack, is a long, economic resistance and wonder which form of warfare would claim more German lives.

Hitler probably instinctively favours a desperate, armed action, but apparently such a step is opposed by almost all his leading generals and by Field-Marshal Goering himself.

FOR FINLAND

Paris To-day. Reports from withe despoinsvian countries show that the humber of individuals volunteering by service in the stray in Pinland has increased

VIOLENT ATTACK ON WIDE FRONT BEING PREPARED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") CO PENHAGEN, TO-DAY. TRAVELLERS ARRIVING FROM GERMANY CON-FIRM THE IMPRESSION GAINED IN MILITARY CIRCLES THAT GERMANY IS PREPARING A SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK AGAINST THE WES-TERN PART OF THE FRENCH FRONT, BELGIUM AND HOLLAND.

a military opportunity to mass to messed even in the Great War - has been noted.

fensive under the present Seventy divisions have been circumstances and the massed on the French and CANADIAN the Netherlands border.

Travellers note that the until one of Hitler's "lucky tious dictator firmly believes.

"The next such day is January 31, the anniversary of

Logical Steps

London, To-day. Mr. Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday, said that the precautions taken by the Belgian and Netherlands Governments were logical steps by both governments.

in spite of the obvious interest in the preservation of peace and their neutrality, they were faced by formidable concentrations of German troops and the ill-omen of a German press campaign against them.

The Premier spoke with admiration of the calm and courage which marked the actions of the two governments and the reaction of the Dutch and Belgian peoples.—Reuter.

DUTCH MILITARY MISSION IN ITALY

(BREGIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Amsterdam, To-day.

A Netherlands military mission, headed by Major-General Hasselmann, recently arrived in Italy and is a present studying Italian war indus. try, with a view to placing important orders on behalf of the Dutch Army.-

SNOW ON PRONT

Paris. To-day. Snow is how falling along practicalby the whole length of the whathou Line. Batter.

TAKEN AS PRECEDENT

Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt, in a statement on the proposed financial gift to Finland to aid in the fight against Soviet aggression, said that any action taken by the United States in this direction must not be construed as a precedent for American intervention In the European War .- Reuter,

AIR FORCE

Ottawa, To-day. The first unit of the Royal Canadian Air Force designated for overseas service is the City of Toronto Army Co-operation Squadron, whose aver-

age age is 24 to 25. Reuter

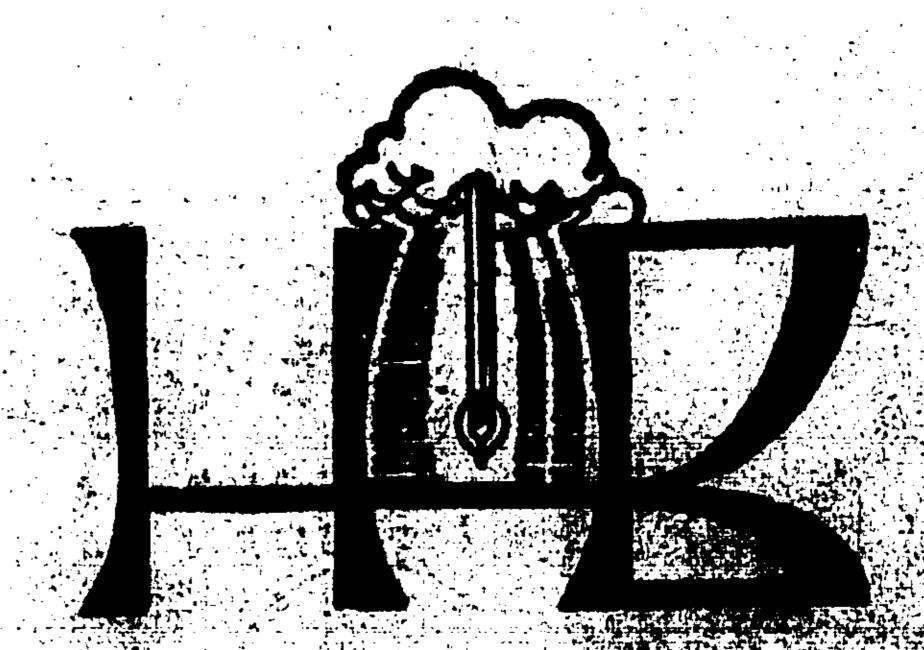
BOOMS FOR AMERICAN HARBOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

San Francisco, To-day.

The "San Francisco Examiner" teports that the United States Navy is This was revealed in a broadcast soon to instal in all important Amerilast night on Canada's. war effort - | can harbours steel nets against submarines.--Havas-

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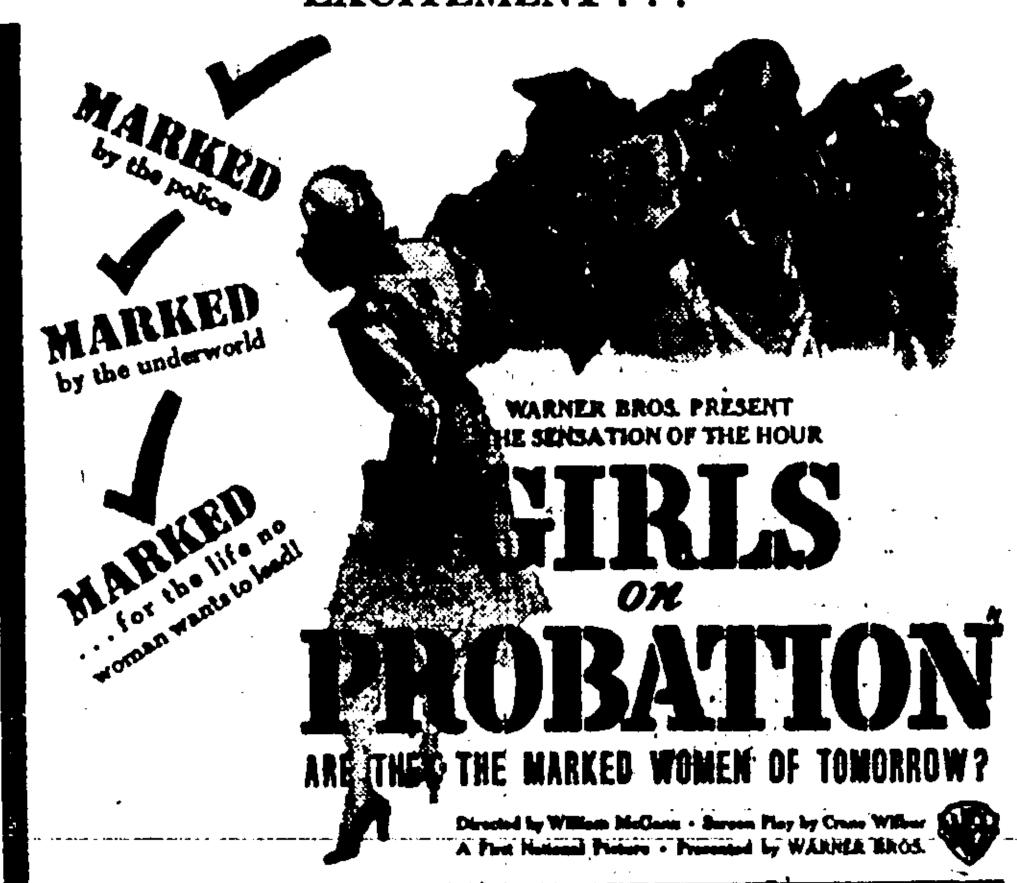
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SHARP FRENCH REPLY TO JAPANESE ALLEGATIONS

Paris, To-day.
A COMPLETELY CATEGORICALLY official denial has been given to reports from Japanese sources that arms and munitions are being sent to South China by the French Indo-China Railway.

AN ODD "COINCIDENCE"

Amsterdam, To-day.
An odd coincidence is the subject of much unofficial comment.
During the last Lowland scare,
in November, a Dutch ship, the
Sliedricht, was sunk. Promptly on
the heels of the present tension,
the Arendskerk has been torpedoed by a Nazi U-boat.—Reuter.

PRINCESSES ARRIVE IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The King and Queen and the two Princesses returned to London yesterday from Sandringham, where they have been staying since just before Xmas.

The King held a Privy Council at Buckingham Palace and handed to Mr. Oliver Stanley his seal of office as Secretary for War.

Sir John Relth, the new Minister of Information, was sworn in and both were later received by the King in audience.—Reuter.

NOT KEEN TO TRAVEL

[SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL"]
San Francisco, To-day.

Several sailors of the German steamer "Columbus" which was be scuttled on December 19, last year, where cancelled their passage to Germany via the Far East fearing capture by British warships. — Havas.

It is stated that the insistence of these reports, which French circles are obliged to deny as regularly as they are circulated, appear to reflect the desire of certain Japanese circles, particularly military circles, to justify by military considerations the destruction by aerial bombardment of the last railway communication existing with that part of China which is free from Japanese occupation.

The statement says that the greater part of the traffic on this line consists of goods from the United States.

If these allegations and the bombardments are repeated, French circles will be tempted to think that despite the orientation of the Japanese Government, which does not desire to increase the difficulties in relations with the Western Powers, these acts come from the Japanese military cliques which think that they need not respect, with due discipline, the instructions coming from higher authorities and the Japanese Government.—Reuter.

BIDS TO BOOST U.S. DEFENCES

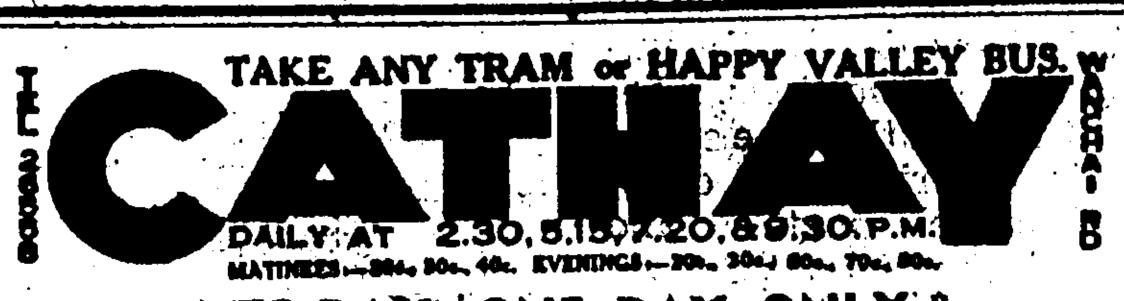
Washington, To-day.

New warships costing \$276,000,000

will be needed by 1945 in order to complete the Navy's current and proposed construction programme, according to Admiral Stark's testimony before the House Naval Committee.

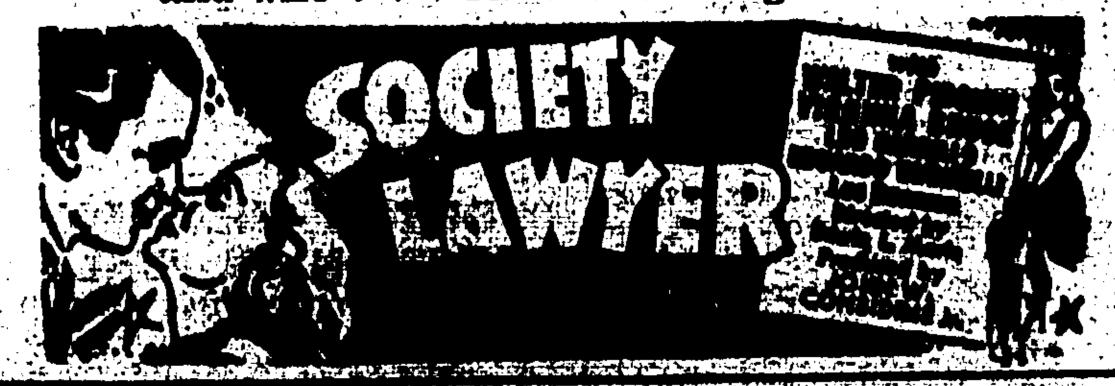
Meanwhile the Secretary of War, Mr. Woodring, is appearing before the House Military Affairs Committee and appealed for the committee's support for new army funds.

"This winter our Army has not been an 'army in being'," said Mr. Woodring, adding that such an army, as opposed to one on paper, would enable America to "speak with authority for peace."—Reuter.



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FRONTS

London, To-day.

IN A SURVEY OF THE several war theatres in the Commons yesterday, the Premier said that patrolling and artillery fire had continued on Western Front and British troops in the Maginot Line sector had taken their full share of these activities.

During last month, air activity had been hampered by short daylight, high winds, frost, fog and snowcovered landing grounds.

been continuously in action in parti- made and took the form of bombing cular over the whole battle area of and the machine-gunning of the the North Sea.

forces had swept the Heligoland Bight | undamaged. and the approaches to the Baltic in | During the present month, there search of such units of the German have been no less than thirteen simifleet as might venture to put to sea. lar attacks from air on unarmed maintained deep into German terri- trawlers. Two of these were sunk. tory, in part by aircraft based on Air Forces in France.

Germany, Austria and Bohemia.

After a sympathetic reference to the loss of the British submarines, Seahorse, Undine and Starfish and the gallantry of the crews, Mr. Chamberlain spoke of the success attending the measures taken to meet indiscriminate and unnotified mine-sowing which had followed the failure of the German U-boat campaign.

UNDER CONTROL

The latest threat, he informed the House, was already coming under control, and the government had every confidence in being able presently to defeat it.

In the meantime, the system of offensive air patrols over the operating bases of German seaplanes had been maintained throughout the hours of darkness every night during which weather conditions allowed. Bombs spector A. E. Carey. have been dropped whenever lights have been found exposed for the purpose of enabling German scaplanes to take off from the water and in this way a rigid blackout had been enforced upon the enemy's bases.

During the hours of daylight, enemy aircraft had rarely ventured within reach of British fighter forces.

AIR BATTLES

ever, had frequent encounters with Lockhart Road, took the bottle of wandering German aircraft out over chewing gum and rah. Desentiant the North Sea and had invariably dropped the bottle when chased but taken the offensive.

The Premier then gave the figures armed, unescorted trawlers. In De-Isteal from the poor.

British air forces, none the less, had cember, 32 attacks of this nature were crews. Six trawlers were sunk and Every week, considerable bomber four damaged. Twenty-two escaped

The Premier devoted the later part Britain, in part by those of the British of the statement to more recent examples of the important part being This long-distance reconnaissance taken by the Dominions and Colonles has now been extended to Eastern in the war, mentioning the naval action of the Achilles, the arrival of two contingents of the Canadian Active Service Force and the development of the Empire air training scheme. - British Wireless.

CHARGES

One of 37 Chinese internees, charged with behaving in a riotous manner at Argyle Street Camp on Saturday, was discharged this morning by Mr. E. Himsworth.

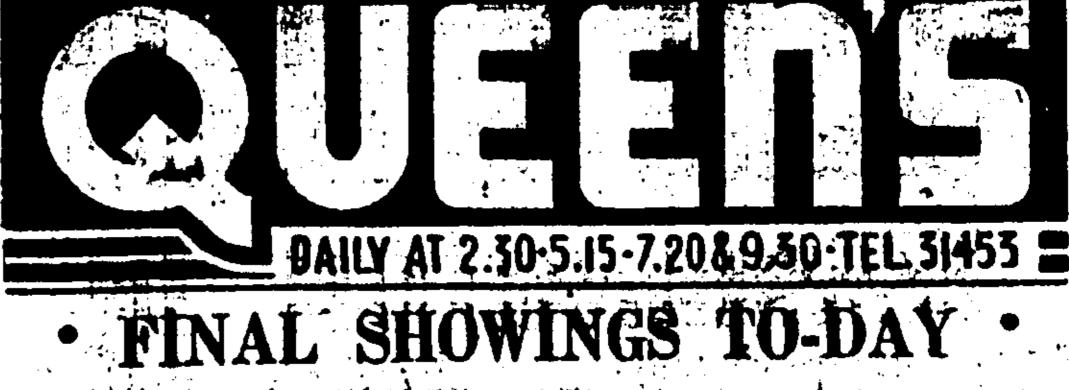
Twenty-four of the accused to-day faced an additional charge of resisting the police.

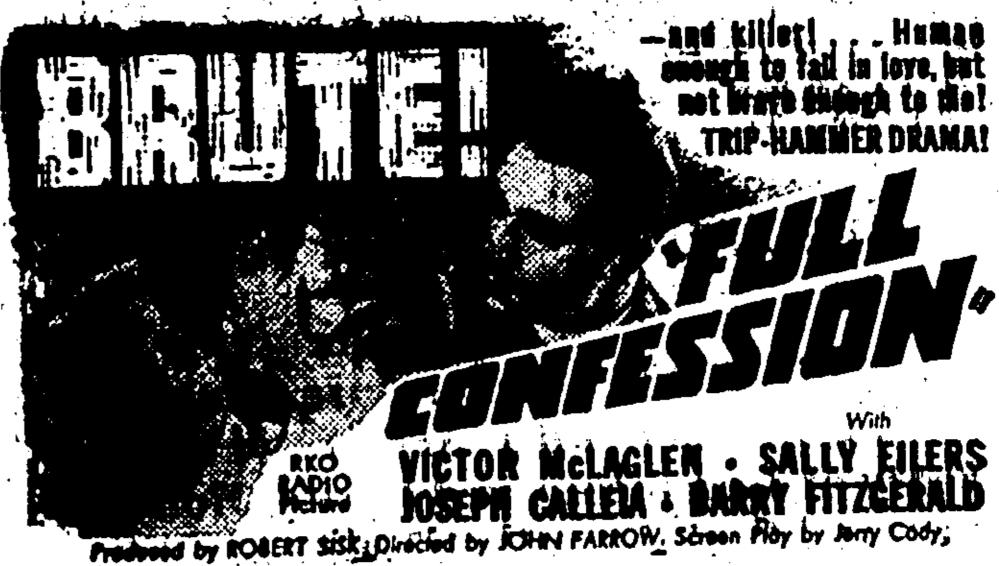
All were remanded for a week at the request of Chief Detective In-

... Charged with the theft of a bottle of chewing gum, Wong Wai, 40, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

Inspector A. V. Baker said defen-Reconnaissance patrols had, how- dant went to a shop at No. 312; was arrested.

The Magistrate remarked that of enemy attacks from the air on un- it was a particularly mean thing to





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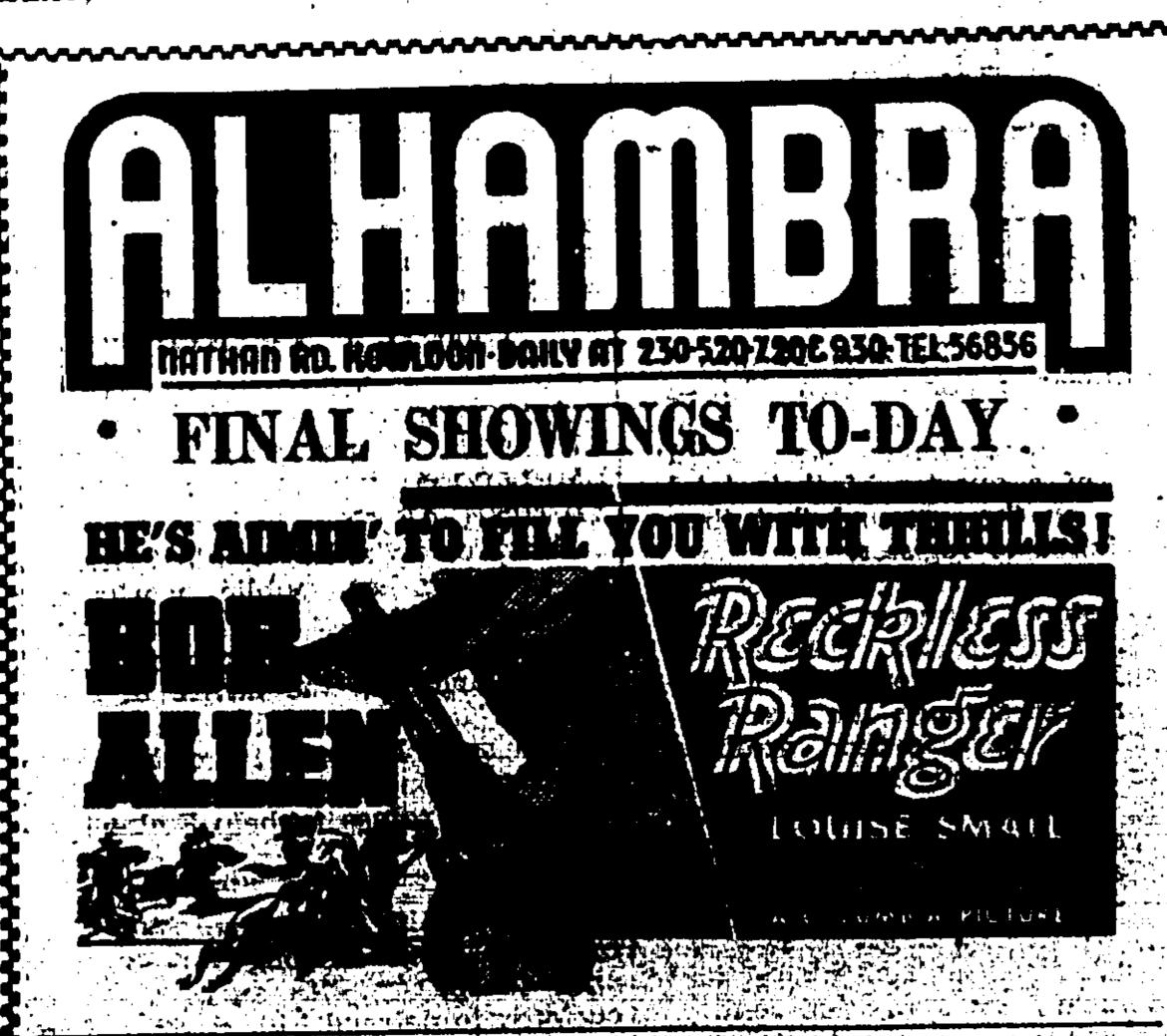
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WASHINGTON IN NO HURRY FOR NEW PACT WITH JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day. THE UNITED STATES may refuse to enter into any new agreement with Japan when the 1911 Treaty of Commerce and Navigation expires on January 26, state authoritative sources.

These same quarters indicate that the chance of a modus vivendi, or temporary agreement, are extremely slim at the moment.

United States as a retaliatory mea- circles that no modus vivendi is likesure against Japanese violation of ly to be negotiated before the treaty American rights in China. There is expires, but the matter appears to no possibility of a new treaty before be taken with the greatest of calm-January 26, although the United ness in official circles as indicated by States has left the door open for a Mr. Cordell Hull's statement at a temporary substitute.

Discussions are now going on between Mr. Joseph Grew, the American Ambassador, and Japanese officials regarding a modus vivendi, but authoritative circles in Washington say that the United States will demand a stiff price even for this,

compromise, but will adhere to the terms of the Nine-Power Treaty, while the discussions concerning genwhich recognises the right of all eral relations between the two counnations to an open door to China's tries continue.—Reuter. trade and commerce. — Havas.

No Crisis Likely To Materialise

Washington, To-day.

There is not the slightest indication here that any crisis is likely to materialise on January 26 when the United States treaty with Japan expires on abrogation.



The Treaty was denounced by the It is generally believed in informed press conference yesterday: "There has been no special development this morning." He had been asked to indicate the latest position in the U.S.-Japanese discussions.

> The President did not refer to the matter at all at his own press conference in the afternoon.

It seems likely that the matter of The United States will accept no a Japanese-American trade treaty will be left in suspense temporarily

HONG KONG'S

The new type of electric computator petrol pumps which are in use in England and have proven so popular Hong Kong for the motorist.

These pumps will show the cost of petrol as well as the quantity delivered. They accurately measure quantity down to one cent's worth of petrol.

These pumps are built on the basis of calculating machines but are sturdy and tamperproof. It is impossible to deliver anything but exact measurement. To insure full measure, all numerals which indicate cost and gallonage must be set back to zero before the pump can be operated. The pump , BRITSH will not deliver gasoline if there is any water or air in the lines.

Motorists who are interested checking the mileage which they are getting from their cars can easily do so by taking petrol from these pumps for quantities as small as a teaspoonfull can be measured.

The pumps have been installed at the Texaco Station at Wanchai and V.R.C. on the Hong Kong side and at Waterloo Road and the Far East Motors on the Kowloon side.

SHORTAGE

In Germany, the present coal-shortage for householders is apparently regarded as likely to be continued, for tral heating and hot water on Fridays with conspiracy with another, not in conspirate who cannot get hot and Saturdays, will pay full rent.

Charged with demanding \$600 with menaces from the conspiracy with another, not in custody, to defraud him at \$600 Lam

TWO NAZI U-BOATS SUNK

London, To-day. The R.A.F. pilot of a 'plane of the Coastal Command has now given his own story of the bombing of a U-boat in the North Sea on Monday. The R.A.F. 'plane was on patrol duty when the U-boat was sighted at a distance of a few miles.

The pilot was having a snack at the time and heard the gunner shout "Look!"

He looked in the direction of the pointing finger and saw what seemed to be a rowing-boat on the horizon, with a trail of foam behind it. After a few moments, as he gave the plane ABDUCTION full throttle, he was sure it was a U-boat.

As the 'plane approached, the U-boat crash-dived and the 'plane dived down on it, dropping its bombs. They seemed to fall very close and a great splash of water followed the explosions.

A little later, a greenish-brown patch, with bubbles, spread over the overcost. position where the submarine dived. Although the R.A.F. machine remained on the spot for some time, the U-boat was not seen again.—Reuter. FRENCH REPORT

Paris. To-day. A U-boat was attacked by French patrol craft as it was submerging, the French Navy announces, and a large patch of oil covered the surface. It was not seen again, but it is not certain that it was destroyed.

The French Navy has captured another German freighter.—Reuter.

TO BE HANDED OVER ON A PLATE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. Commenting on the 300-mile "safety belt" around the Americoast, the "Continental Daily Mail" expresses the opinion that the controversy around it is merely "academic," asserting that the American nations would be unable to maintain a patrol over se wide an area.

The paper stated, "Is Britain going to hand over to Hitler her naval superiority on a plate? We cannot throw away a weapon without which we could not win the war."-Havas.

CHARGE

Before Mr. B. Edwards this morning. Li Lam, 28, was charged with abduction of a girl named Tong Ling, and with attempted larceny of an

Detective-Inspector A. L. Hopkins said that the girl's father was a scalemaker.

At about 2.30 p.m. yesterday, he saw defendant walking with his daughter in front of his shop. He raised an alarm, and defendant started to run, but was arrested with the overcoat which belonged to the girl.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to abduction, but admitted the theft of the coat. He was sentenced to six | months' hard labour.

FIRM SCANDINAVIAN REPLY TO SOVIET

London, To-day.

there are being installed in THE SCANDINAVIAN PRESS backs up its governments in their firm reply to the Soviet protest.

A Stockholm paper says: "Sweden's foreign policy is never determined anywhere but in Stockholm."

FINED FOR SELLING GOODS

Peiping, To-day. Chinese reports from Tsinan state that 77 shops dealing in British goods have been fined sums of a quarter of their total value, on the ground that they had failed to register.

Any shops failing to pay the fine before January 14 (Sunday last), it is reported, were threatened that their proprietors would be paraded through the streets.

If they have further dealings with British goods, the shops have been told that the fines would be increased to half their total value.

A Norwegian paper blandly says that there can be no question of the Scandinavian countries not being neutral or otherwise, "because according to the Soviet Government Russia is not at war with Finland!"

A Danish paper says that the only thing that remains unanswered in the Soviet note is the demand for the censorship of the press, "which will be impossible in Scandinavia, as no Scandinavian wants to live according to Bolshevik principles."-Reuter.

SOVIET CHARGE

MOSCOW, TO-DAY. ACCORDING TO THE SOVIETS, SWEDEN IS FORCING HER UN-EMPLOYED TO FIGHT IN THE FINNISH ARMY.

The Moscow radio says that Sweden is reducing her, public works and promising high pay and other inducements to make her unemployed fight for Finland, "on the advice of other Powers."

In a special Bwedish broadcast, the Moscow radio appealed to Swedish workers to refuse to help Finland. --Reuter.

Berlin tenants who cannot get hot and Saturdays, will pay full rent. custody, to defraus him at 1800 Lam was the morney remanded ireduced by 5 per cent.

indefinitely because of the shortage, for further enquiries by Mr. Q.A.A.

Lucky ones," who can have cen—Reuter.

Macfadyan.

Mr. Arita "Explains" Japanese Foreign Policy

FRANCE APPROVES YONAI CABINET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Paris, To-day.

The press generally welcome the new Japanese government under Admiral Yonai.

The "Petit Journal" states: "Both the Minseito and the Seiyukal parties are supporting the new government which thus represents the majority of Japan's opinion.

Admiral Yonai will be able to assume authority and prepare financial plans necessary to stabilize the situation already gravely compromised by the China war." -Havas.

STEAMER AGROUND IN AUSTRALIA

Port Darwin, To-day. steamer "Merkur," British 5,952 tons, bound for Melbourne from Singapore has gone aground on a coral reef on the North Australian coast.

Ninety passengers who were on board are all safe. A vessel has gone to her assistance. — Reuter.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day. Although trading was quiet on the Stock Exchange yesterday, gilt-edged rallied from early dealings and maintained their improvement.

groups were inactive owing to the with the Brewster Aeronautical Corimminence of the re-assembly of poration.

Parliament. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

STATEMENT INCLUDES USUAL AMBIGUITIES

Tokyo, To-day. THE HOPE OF FINDING a means of settling the aftermath of the trade treaty question between the United States and Japan, was expressed by Mr. Arita, the new Foreign Minister in an interview after the transfer of seals of office between himself and Admiral Nomura.

He also stated that the preparations for the re-opening of the Yangtse River were proceeding apace.

RED ARMY LOSSES IN SALLA ZONE

Helsinki, To-day. An official communique states that the Finns yesterday annihilated two Russian companies on the Salla front.

Russian air activity was much slighter than on the previous day. Several Finnish towns were bombed and number of fires were caused, which were speedily brought under control.

The Finnish Air Force conducted reconnaissance flights and bombarded Russian troop concentrations several times.

Four Soviet planes were brought down on Monday.—Reuter.

ORDER **BRITAIN'S PLANES** FOR NEW

New York, To-day. Great Britain has placed an order Kaffirs were very steady but other worth £2,000,000 for pursuit 'planes

> This is the first British order for I this type of machine.-Reuter.

.Discussing the foreign policy of the new Government, Mr. Arita declared that it would centre upon the disposal of the "China Affair" and the readjustment of relations with third Powers, while firmly maintaining Japan's independent position.

It was untenable to assert that Japan would run the risk of antagonising one Power in seeking friendly relations with another Power while maintaining an independent position.

Mr. Arita said that he intended, in readjusting relations with the United States, to pursue the policy of his predecessor. In order to reconstruct the traditional friendship between Japan and the United States, the Foreign Minister asserted, relations between the two countries must first be normalised. In this sense, the Japanese Cabinet would endeavour to clear out of the way all pending questions with the United States one after another.

RECIPROCITY HOPED FOR

If the United States appraised Japan's firm attitude correctly, he trusted the United States would reciprocate Japan's constructive spirit in seeking to normalise the relations of the two countries.

In regard to the opening of the Yangtse up to Nanking, he said that this was decided at Japan's initiative as demonstrated by the fact that the Hiranuma Cabinet decided the basic policy concerning reopening of the Yangtse. Preparations were now being pushed.

SOVIET RELATIONS

Turning to relations between Japan and the Soviet Union, Mr. Arita said that the anti-Comintern Pact was one thing and friendly relations between Japan and the Soviet were another. Recalling that he (as Foreign Minister) participated in the conclusion of the Tripartite Anti-Comintern Pact, Mr. Arita pointed out that it was the fixed policy of the Japanese Government to maintain friendly relations with Russia irrespective of the compact.—Reuter.

FINNISH TOWNS TO BE EVACUATED

[SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL"]

Stockholm, To-day.

The Finnish authorities have decided to evacuate towns recently bombed by the Soviet including Hangoe, Abo and Rihimaki.

The city of Vasa was terribly devastated following the recent bomb-

In Hangoe, 400 houses of a total of 700, were destroyed.

A cold spell is again felt in Finland, — Havas.

PRICES NEARER STABILISED

London, To-day. The cost of living index figure on January 1 was 74 per cent. above the level of July, 1914, as compared with 73 per cent. on December 1.

The food index figure was 57 per cent. higher which was the same as on December 1 .--- Reuter.

BRITISH REPLY **PROTEST**

Rio de Janeiro, To-day. The British note on the Graf Spec battle and on the suggested "Safety Zone" around the Americas is now being studied by the Permanent Inter-American Committee here.-Reu-





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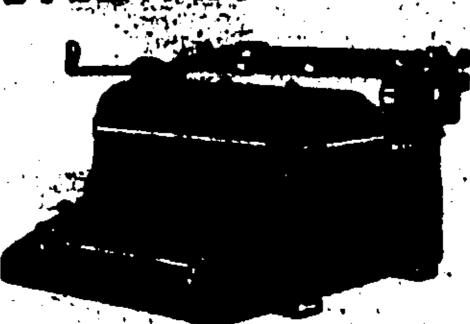
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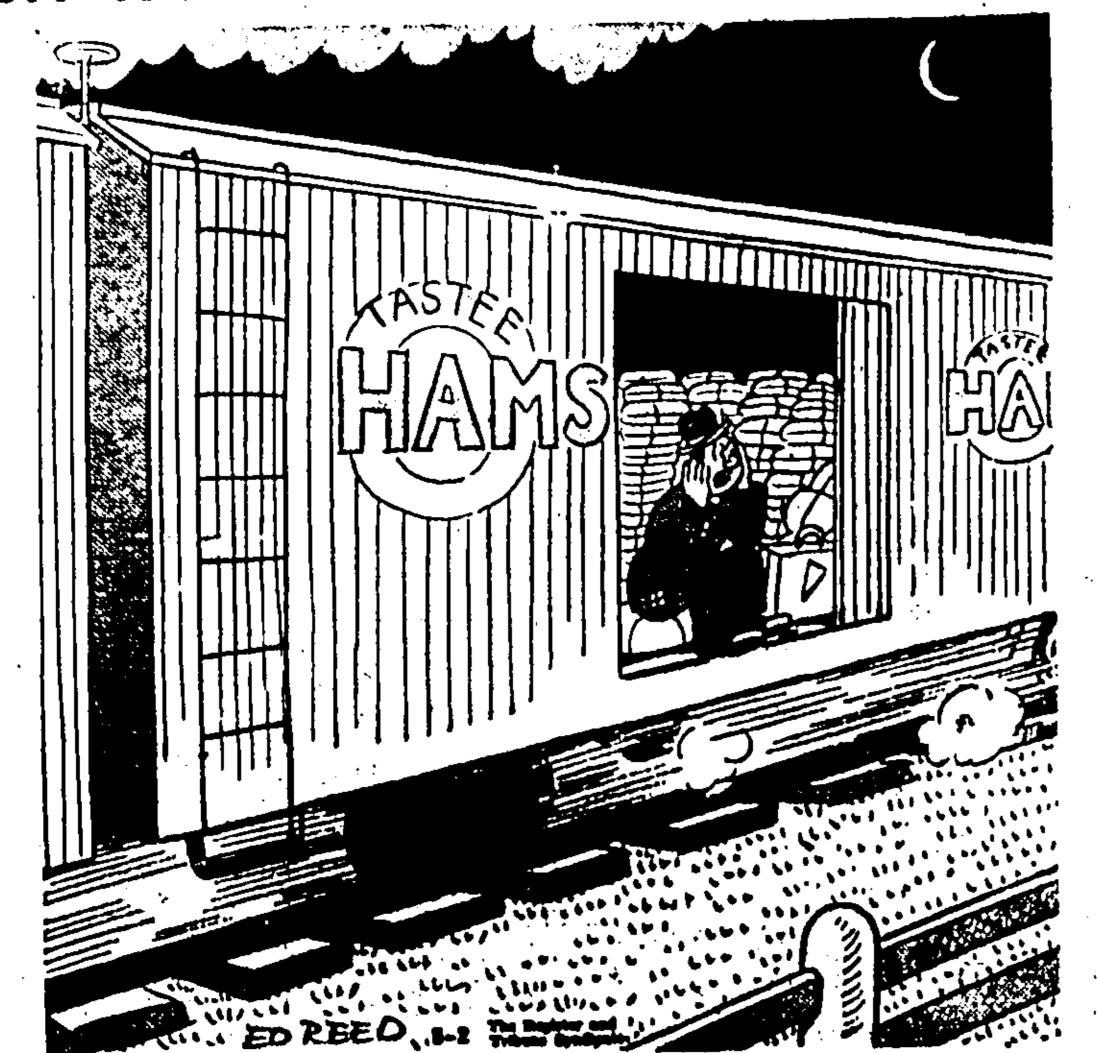


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MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON CHANGES IN CABINET

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WARNS THAT LULL IN WAR OPERATIONS MAY EW WEEKS-OR HOURS

LONDON, TO-DAY. THE FORMER MINISTER FOR WAR, MR. LESLIE HORE-BELISHA, IN A TENSE HOUSE AND AMID SOME OPPOSITION CHEERS, ROSE TO MAKE A PERSONAL STATEMENT.

He said he had not selected his collaborators because they were complacent or acquiescent. It was not a dull or stagnant administration.

there had been differences of opinion, outlook, temperament or understanding these had been no deeper than must occur.

"There has been, so far as I know, no needed and concluded: conflict of view or policy with any of my Government colleagues upon any point concerning my department or otherwise.

"I declined the Board of Trade post because I could not feel the assurance that the consideration which persuaded the Prime Minister to make the ly broken by events which change would allow of my energetic discharge in the national interest of another office.

the Prime Chamberlain, Minister, referring to unfounded rumours, said that no change of Army for War.

socalled "brass hats" and Mr. Hore-Belisha over Army promotion.

PURE INVENTION

The Prime Minister declared that it was pure invention to suggest that there had been any pressure on the Prime Minister to displace Mr. Hore-Belisha and that the Prime Minister had been faced with displacing Mr. Hore-Belisha or receiving resignations from high military Army officers.

Emphasising his prerogative in Cabinet appointments, Mr. Chamberiain said that he did not, propose to give detailed reasons for Mr. Hore-Bellsha's replacement. "I had become aware of the difficulties arising out of the very great qualities of Mr. Hore-Bellsha, with which in view, made it desirable that a change should occur.

Mr. Chamberlain said that export | they would have so far forgotten their licences were being granted for war material needed by Finland and the template any action of the kind I have amounts involved were substantial.

"During the last few weeks we have been horrified by the calculate brutality involved in the enemy air attacks on unarmed, unescorted trawlers."

Referring to the Far East, Mr. Chamberlain said that the situation continued to be dominated by the hostilities between China and Japan.

JAPANESE STEPS

"While there was as yet no definite indication that might warrant any optimistic forecast of a peaceful settlement in the near future, we have welcomed the recent action by the Japanese Government in the direction of relaxing some restrictions which from time to time caused difficulty and tension in relation to third powers. change is desirable he must also con-Reuter.

Dealing with his work Mr. Hore-| Mr. Chamberlain said that special Belisha said it did not occur to him forces raised in Australia, New Zeathat we were making the Army too land for overseas would shortly take democratic to fight for democracy, their places where they were most

> "At the moment there is a lull in the operations of war but at any time within the next few weeks or even few hours, the lull may be sharpwill restrape the history of the world.

DUTY TO MAKE

There was no foundation, said Mr. policy was to be anticipated in conse-| Chamberlain, for the suggestion that quence of the change in the Secretary the resignation was connected with, or was the result of a battle between Mr. Chamberlain added that there Mr. Hore-Belisha and certain high ofhad been no difference between the ficers vaguely described as "brasshats" over the system of promotion in the Army.

> He had never heard of any serdifferences between Mr. Hore-Belisha and the Army Council and did not believe any existed.

"I can state definitely that no consideration ever entered my head in connection with the change which thought it my duty to make."

SCANDALOUS ASPERSION

The story that pressure had been put upon him from outside by military officers or by their friends to displace Mr. Hore-Belisha was an invention from beginning to end (cheers). was not complimentary to him to suggest that he would have allowed himself to be influenced by pressure of such an improper character, "but it is a scandalous aspersion upon responsible officers who cannot speak for Passing on to a review of the War, | themselves (cheers) to suggest that duty, especially in wartime, as to condescribed."

Mr. Chamberlain said that no serving officer had at any time ever said one word to him inconsistent with his loyalty to his ministerial chief, and so far from putting pressure on him, no officer had ever discussed with him any change in the Secretariat for War.

"Every Prime Minister must from time to time review the allocation of offices among his various colleagues. and consider whether the allocation still remains the best that can be effected. But especially in wartime it is essential that the machinery of the Government should work with maxi- 63 CIVILIAN VICTIMS mum efficiency (cheers) and minimum friction. Helsinki, To-day.

DISTASTEFUL DUTY

sider when the change should be made, bearing in mind that every change must necessarily create disturbance and there were times when disturbance was more dangerous than others.

"To make changes among his colleagues is often the most distasteful of all the duties of a Prime Minister and if he had to make public_all his reasons for making the change it would be Impossible to make any change.

"Therefore I do not propose to give the House in detail my reasons. this afternoon. I only say that had become aware of difficulties. Perhaps I might describe them as arising out of the very great qualities of Mr. Hore-Belisha which in my view Mr. Hore-Belisha which in my view made it desirable that a change would occur at some time and I thought that the change could best be effected when I had made other changes at the same time in the Government.

NO COMPLAINT

"I do not want to lose the services of Mr. Hore-Belisha and I therefore offered him another very important post but for reasons which he has given the House, he did not see his ply, the closest co-operation way to accept the office.

"I very much regretted his decision but I respected it and I do not make any complaint of it. I myself only hold my present office by favour of I shall accept their decision like Mr. | Hore-Belisha — without complaint.

one criterion whether they will or secution of the war. will not contribute towards the early and successful conclusion of the war (cheers). In the present case my tries and been made complete. personal friendship for Mr. Hore-Belisha and my recognition of Mr. ed elsewhere, that the system of colla-Hore-Belisha's great services drew me in one direction.

to which I have alluded have pointed to another conclusion.

INTERESTS OF COUNTRY

"I had to make up my mind which course would best serve the interests mination of the war."-British Wireof the country in the exercise of my judgment. I came to the conclusion for which I take the fullest responsibility."

Mr. Chamberlain appreciated the tone and spirit of Mr. Hore-Belisha's statement, putting before all consideration one object, namely that of service to country for the purpose of winning the war.

"I knew he was anxious to make his contribution towards that object and I trust it may not be long before he finds an opportunity to do so."-Reuter.

BILL PASSES ANTI-RED THE CHAMBER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Paris, To-day.

The Chamber of Deputies has pass- PORE ON A HOLIDAY. ed, after a heated debate by 521 votes It will be recalled that on January to 2, a bill excluding from all as- 6, three men, believed to be Chinese. semblies the representatives of the blazed away at his car with Mauser dissolved political parties—i.e., Com- pistols from close range in Avenue munists.—Havas.

OF AIR RAIDS

SUGGESTION REFUTED

London, To-day. in the course of the debate following Mr. Chamberlain's statement on Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation, Colonel Wedgwood (Lab.) pressed Mr. Chamberiain to reply to suggestions that the resignation was due to prejudices against his being a Jew.

The Prime Minister said he hardly thought the statement to be worth denying, but "I deny it absolutely."—Reuter.

ECONOMIC

London, To-day. Speaking on Franco-British co-operation in the Commons yesterday, the Premier said that in the field of supexisted between the departments concerned in this country and those of France.

The machinery provided, among the Commons and if at any time the other things, for the preparation in Commons think a change is desirable common of programmes of imports, and thus enabled the material resources of the two countries to be "Meanwhile I judge all matters on used to the best advantage in the pro-

> As the result of the financial agreement, unity of action of the two coun-

"Indeed, it is our hope, as I have statboration which had been thus evolved may, in time, lead to closer relations "My consciousness of the difficulties in the economic and financial sphere between the nations of Europe, and of the world, and so facilitate the work of peaceful reconstruction to which we look forward on the successful ter-

HOLIDAY FOR MR. GODFREY PHILLIPS

(Special to the "China Mail," from Our Own Correspondent) SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

MR. GODFREY PHILLIPS, SE-CRETARY-GENERAL OF THE SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, WHO HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK SINCE THE ATTEMPT TO ASSAS-SINATE HIM LAST WEEK, IS LEAVING ON BOARD THE ITALIAN LINER CONTE VERDE BOUND FOR HONG KONG AND SINGA-

Haig. All missles missed both Mr. Phillips and chauffeur, although the car was perforated in several places.--Our Own Correspondent.

Chickens to the value of \$25 were Sixty-three civilians were injured stolen from No. 24, Broadwood Road. If the Prime Minister thinks a in Soviet bombing raids yesterday. Yesterday. They belonged to Mr. L. Decker.

Opposition And Belisha Resignation

NOT ENTHUSIASTIC OVER MR. OLIVER STANLEY'S TRANSFER TO WAR OFFICE

London, To-day.

LEADER OF THE LABOUR Opposition, Major C. R. Attlee, who followed Mr. Chamberlain in yester- LAST NIGHT day's debate, said that it would be ungenerous to deny that during his period at the War Office, Mr. Hore-Belisha had effected some notable reforms.

On the other hand it was ridiculous, as had been alleged in some organs of the popular press, that alone he did it.

There had undoubtedly been among soldiers a realisation of the need for moving with the times and in these reforms he was sure that Mr. Hore-Belisha had the active co-operation of many distinguished soldiers.

Mr. Hore-Belisha had rather hinted that his resignation was due to his reforms on the lines that democratisation was being unpalatable in certain quarters and it was right that they should have an explicit denial by the Government that there was no intention of changing the progress of the democratisation of the Army.

NOT CLEAR

The Opposition Leader said that in most cases when a Minister resigned the reason was perfectly clear to the general public, but Mr. Hore-Belisha and the Prime Minister had answered the House that there was no difference of policy.

Mr. Attlee said the House had the right to get from Mr. Hore-Belisha and the Prime Minister more precise reasons for the resignation.

Mr. Hore-Belisha seemed to hint that it was due to his democratisation reforms that he became unpalatable to certain quarters, and continued: "I think you cannot do a greater disservice than trying to set up a kind of opposition between politicians and soldiers.

"There was a great deal in the last war and the memoirs which have been published since have made uncommonly painful reading for those who were fighting in the last war.

"We are resolved that there will never be-and there has not been in this case—anything like a military dictatorship."

RESISTANCE TO PRESSURE

Had there been pressure by the as rapidly as possible. military chiefs, the matter would have been dealt with most seriously.

The Opposition object to military pressure and no less strongly to newsloud cheers, and he continued: should be absolutely firm on one thing —the control by Parliament and by the civilian Ministers over the Services. That has long been the posi- busy departmental ministers. tion of this House and we must always maintain it."

NOT HAPPY

happy regarding the change of the resigned it was only fair to acknowtransfer of Mr. Oliver Stanley from the ledge the achievements which stood Board of Trade. They might require a to his credit at the War Office. he hoped that Mr. Oliver Stanley take to suppose that he was and rewould carry on the line of reforms and | mained the sole champion of these remake changes in the organisation of forms. the War Office.

change because there were other presented the will of the people of this

basis and should not be composed of ment. - Reuter.

HOLD-UP

Man Sze-kong, a police interpreter attached to the Special Branch, who was recently married, was held up by footpads when walking with his bride in Embankment Road at 9.15 last night. The two concerned in the hold-up were armed with daggers. They took Mrs. Man's wedding ring and decamped.

LABOUR CRITICS LORDS: URGENCY TO

London, To-day.

Questioning voices regarding the true explanation of the resignation of the Secretary of State for War were heard in the House of Lords, following a review of the war by Lord Stanhope, which was identical with that of Mr. Chamberlain in the Commons.

Lord Snell, the leader of the Labour Party in the Lords, was the principal critic of the Government, and he also questioned whether Finland was being adequately aided.

Quick and adequate assistance to Finland, said Lord Snell, were urgent-ly necessary. If the Finns were defeated, the strategical position in Europe would immediately be altered and probably to the grievous disand probably to the grievous disadvantage of this country....

He highly welcomed the reference in the Government statement to the help given by the Dominions, India and the Colonies, which even now, he thought, was insufficiently realised in Great Britain.

Lord Snell went on to challenge the Government's economic policy, which he considered to be wrongly based and would have shortly to be reviewed.

ARMY AND BELISHA

Lord Crewe, who followed, also expressed the hope that the Government would help Finland as far and

He disagreed with the suggestion made by Lord Snell that the change at the War Office was due to military pressure on the Prime Minister. paper pressure, said Mr. Attlee, amid | Speaking from experience, he said, he "We would generally hesitate to believe it to be possible.—Reuter.

LIBERAL COMMENT

The Liberal leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, said that the Opposition Liberals had been critics of Mr. The Labour Opposition were not Hore-Belisha but now that he had

They did not spring from Mr. Hore-The public were surprised at this Belisha's mind and will alone; they re-The War Cabinet was on a wrong which Mr. Hore-Belisa was the instru- she had been knocked down by a

BEGIN SOON

London, To-day. The Premier concluding his Commons statement yesterday said: "We in this country hope, as do the peoples of every nation, that the just and lasting peace we are seeking will not be long de-

layed. On the other hand, it may well be that the war is about to enter upon a

more acute phase. If that should prove true, we are ready for it, and in common with our allies, we will spare no effort and no sacrifice that be necessary to secure the victory on which we are determined."

In the course of the review, Mr. Chamberlain referred to the heroic successful resistance of Finland and intimated that arrangements for the supply of certain war material from Britain had been made, adding, "I can assure the House that the amounts insubstantial." — British are volved Wireless.

D.B.S., THEFTS CONTINUE

Mr. G. Goodban, headmaster of the very strong man at the War Office and At the same time it was a great mis- Diocesan Boys' School, has informed the Police that books valued at \$20 were stolen from the class rooms early yesterday.

An aged woman, Kwok Sit-sze, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, changes they would have welcomed. | country expressed in Parliament, of | with serious injuries yesterday, after I tram car in Des Voeux Road Central,

SWEDISH **PROTEST** TO SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

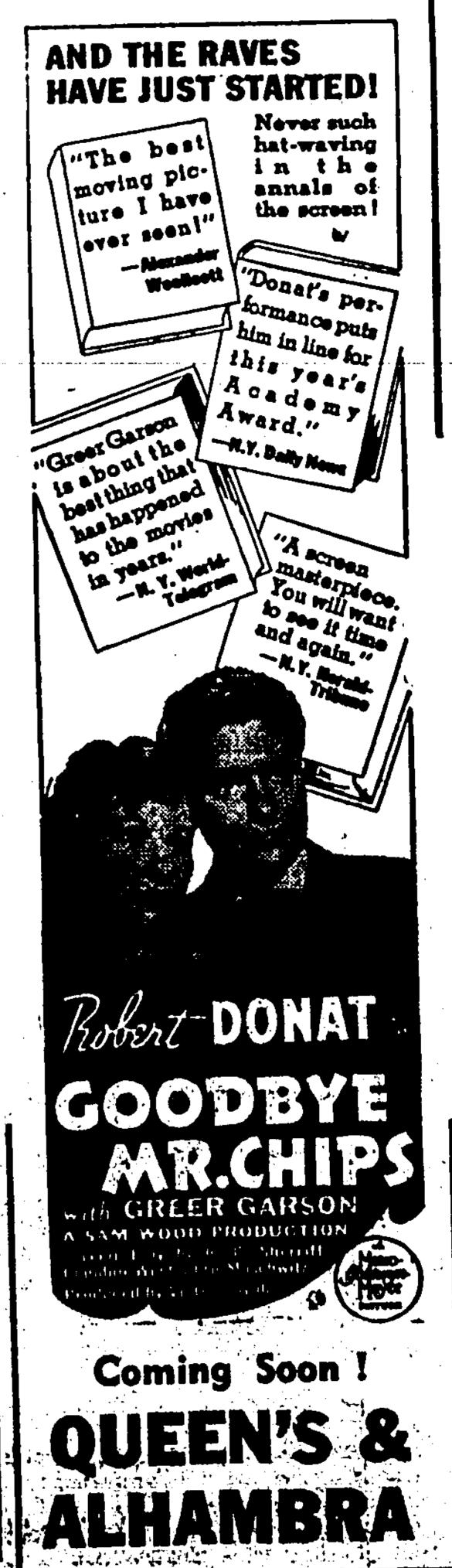
Stockholm, To-day. The Swedish Legation in Moscow has been instructed to launch an energetic protest against the Boviet aerial bombing of Kallaks Isle in the Gulf of Bothnia yesterday.—Havas.

YOUNG S.MP. OFFICER DIES

[SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL"] SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

A SUDDEN RE-**8UFFERING** LAPSE FROM A CHEST WOUND HE RECEIVED A WEEK AGO, BER-GEANT DUNCAN E. CRANK, 21-YEAR-OLD MEMBER OF SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE DIED YESTERDAY FROM IN-TERNAL HEMORRHAGE.

He was wounded last Wednesday during an affray between coolies of the General Post Office and employees of the Far Eastern Sanitary Company over the hot water supply in the post office building.—Havas.



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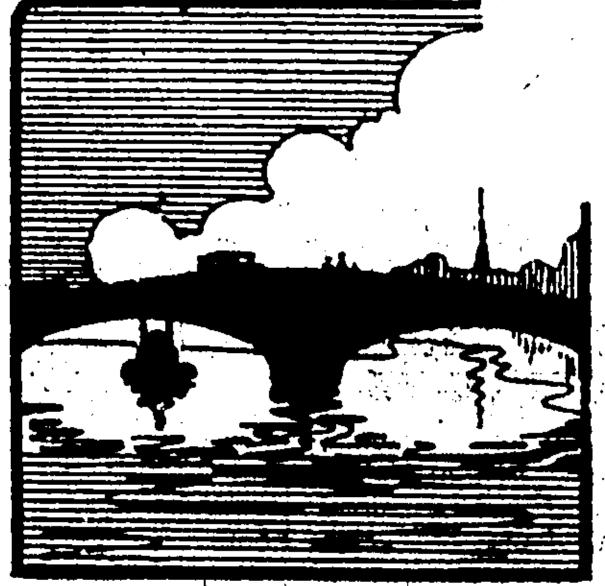
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

EYES ON RUMANIA

Joseph Stalin appears ready to assume the role of that amusing general who, hearing of a battle about to begin, sprang enthusiastically into the saddle and proceeded to ride off in all directions. The Russian Army has not yet brought home the Finnish bacon, if any; yet the Communist International, highly authoritative Comintern organ, is already raising the Rumanian question which everybody expected would be raised soon after Finland was liquidated.

This could be interpreted as unbounded confidence on the part of the Soviet leadership. On the other hand, it can be interpreted as arising from doubt as to the wisdom of the Finnish venture. Since the Finnish soldiers are proving as unreasonable in battle as Russian politicians said the Finnish Government was in negotiation, a diversion may be thought necessary in Moscow.

tian Science Monitor."

PRE-REQUISITE FOR PEACE

Whether Herr Hitler is the brains or merely the mouthpiece of the system really does not matter so long as he and his associates have no further inabandonment

autarchy, and a return to world economy would of course make it necessary that the Allies should come forward with economic assistance to enable Germany to regain her position amongst the nations of the world. The manner in which such aid was availed of in

the early years after the last war sug- is to be gained, and British strength point to anything which Herr Hitler Wellington. has done which suggests that any faith at all could be placed in him. The fact is that no peace offensive which does not include a radical change in the present government of Germany can ever be successful.—"North China Daily News.."

DUTCH PLIGHT

Dutch, who must trade to live. Must tory.—"The Observer."

the neutrals be drawn into the actual military conflict? Despite the spread of economic warfare there is reason to hope that the non-combatant area can be maintained. Indeed, there have been hopes expressed that the neutrals could in turn exert pressures for peace. They are already having some effect. But for their own protection and for more positive peacemaking they will need to exercise a more united strength. The Scandinavian countries and Belgium and the Netherlands. have already consulted for such purposes.

Is this the way in which a new form of collective security will develop? And what part should the United States have in it? The impact of events is bringing closer a day when these questions will be answered .- "Christian Science Monitor."

GUAM

Guam, although relatively unimport-Not that Rumania would have ant within itself, might be made an escaped Russian pressure if Finland important link in the chain by which had fallen. Italy's sympathy with a Pacific policy is held together. A lot Finland has been based partly on the of people, included among them a good recognition in Rome that Russian suc- many Japanese and several Filipinos, cess in the Baltic would likely be fol- jump at the conclusion that any move lowed by Russian enterprise in the toward building anything at Guam Balkans, where Italy has interests of suggests a stronger American policy its own to guard. But the fact that for the Far East, Such a line of rea-Russia is casting openly covetous soning certainly is not without logic. glances toward Rumania while the So those who say frankly that the issue in Finland is undecided indicates United States cannot escape major that Mr. Stalin is either feeling his responsibilities in the Far East — posoats or the need of a change.—"Chris- sibly increasing responsibilities—are encouraged by renewed indications that the administration is seriously interested in the Guam project.—"Manila Bulletin."

NEW ZEALAND'S NAVAL POLICY

The impracticability of New Zeafluence in the government of the Reich, land providing for herself in naval and insidious as this reported peace development is evident. Up to the preplan is, the knowledge of that fact will sent she has merely contributed to the undoubtedly strengthen universal upkeep of the New Zealand Division, opinion into the belief that the de- which consists of two light cruisers struction of the Hitlerian system is the and two sloops, a force of little scope essential pre-requisite without which or purpose beyond police duty in time it is not even possible to discuss a of peace. Assuming that Great Britain cessation of hostilities. The proposed is not in a position to provide greater

INDIAN LIBERAL

VIEW

unconditionally. It would be dis-

astrous if we offered our help

subject to conditions. Everything

must be done to secure the safety

of India and that could not be

done without full co-operation

with Britain. — "Sir Tej Sapru,

Indian Liberal Leader.

India should stand by Britain

protection, a policy of co-operation with. Australia would seem the logical, if not the only possible course of development. In the past there has been no lack of cooperation between the Commonwealth and the Dominion in naval matters. It should be ascertained whether mutual advantage

gests again that men with the com- in the Pacific area improved by joining plete lack of principles which Herr forces with Australia. This would in-Hitler and his accomplices have, would volved a considerable increase of exbe most unfitted to enter into rela- penditure. Security has its price and tions with the rest of Europe which New Zealand must be prepared to pay would have to be based upon the com- that price even if it means curtailment pletest trust and confidence, and not or abandonment of social luxuries for even the most convinced optimist can the time being.—"The Dominion,"

"ONLY ACTS COUNT"

As the French Chamber of Deputies rose for Christmas, M. Daladier with a crisp economy of words showed that France was disciplined and concentrat-The Dutch plight is only the most ed on the single purpose. "Only acts aggravated among the neutrals. Bel- count," he said. "If Great Britain and gium is in almost as serious a position, France had allowed .Germany to go So, too, are Denmark, Sweden, Swit- forward in her enterprise of dominazerland, Norway, Hungary, Finland, tion all Germany's strength would and in lesser degree, Yugoslavia and have been turned on us," By the un-Italy. All are in the circle where animous vote of the 536 deputies and blockade meets counter-blockade. All without debate the vast credits for are to some extent caught between arms, the army, the air force, and the two fires in this total economic war. navy were voted. The air force, said All are suffering from the increasing M. Daladier, called for priority: but infringement of so-called neutral every arm is to be made impregnable, rights. and the Maginot Line doubled, trebled, .What can be done? No simple cash- and extended, in a national uprising and-carry remedy will suffice for the never equalled even in French his-

Most Violent Artillery Battle Of The War

B.E.F. HELD READY TO RUSH TO AID OF LOWLANDS

Paris, To-day. BRITISH TROOPS ARE now being held in readiness for any Nazi offensive in the Lowlands.

Monday's long-range artillery battle, in which both sides participated, was near the Moselle and is considered the most violent of the war. Inhabitants of a Luxemburg village near the frontier fled to safety as shell splinters fell on the town.

The Germans have now come to the conclusion that the British troops are in the front line after all.

suggest that all the work is being done by the French, but it is now stated that as a result of a clash between BLOWN UP that as a result of a clash between of the Siegfried Line, the leader of the British patrol was seriously wounded.

He was taken to a first-aid post by the Germans and died two days later. -Reuter.

PATROL CLASH

London, To-day. A patrol of the British force now holding a sector of the Maginot Line encountered a German patrol in No- known. Man's-Land last night and a fight ensued, says Reuter's special correspondent with B.E.F. in France.

The British patrol suffered no casualties, but at least one German was killed and his body brought back to the British line.—Reuter.

the front line after all. Hitherto, the Germans have tried to BIG TANKER

London, To-day. oil-tanker has Another gone to the bottom off the of about 8,000 tons. English coast but her identity and ownership are not yet

Coastguards on the south-west coast yesterday afternoon saw the oiltanker suddenly burst into flames.

Lifeboats were put out but the ship speedily broke in half and disappeared.

ONE MIND NOT MACHINE-MADE

Helsinki, To-day. The German Commercial Attache in Finland has resigned his post and has joined the Finnish Army as a volunteer.— Reuter.

rescued the crew.

A watcher from the shore said he saw what seemed to be a submarine beside the doomed vessel. — Reuter.

"QUIET DAY ON WHOLE"

Paris, To-day.

on the war operations, states that it preme Court, and of Mr. Robert Jack-It is understood that a patrol boat was a quiet day on the whole. There son as Attorney-General in his place. was the usual patrol activity.—Reuter. '-Reuter.

MYSTERY MISHAP TO NEW SHIP

Panama, To-day. Britain's latest One of the Merchant freighters, Prince, 5,265 tons has been towed to Bilbao by a British steamer, the California Star, after she had mysteriously broken down eight hundred miles out to sea.

While the vessel was drifting hopelessly as a result of the breakdown, fire suddenly broke out among wood stored on the deck.

The fire was extinguished, after

five hours. The British Consul-General in Bilbao is conducting investigations.

The captain of the Merchant The tanker appeared to be a vessel Prince has commended the conduct of the crew. — Reuter.

CONFIRMS SENATE

Washington, To-day. The Senate has confirmed the President's nomination of Mr. Frank Mur-The customary evening communique phy, ex-Attorney-General, to the Su-

SINKING OF THE "ARENDSKERK" DELIBERATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

OPINION HERE IS very uneasy regarding the torpedoing of the "Arendskerk" just when the Netherlands felt compelled to take new military measures owing to the aggravation of the international situation along the Dutch border.

The fact that the "Arendskerk" was torpedoed after examination of her papers by the Commander of the German submarine is highly significant since it shows that no mistake could have been possible.

The "Algemeine Handelsblad" anticipates the aggravation of submarine warfare:

"Germany is endeavouring to prevent the transport of goods from Belgium and Holland by all means." The "Arendskerk" was a big freight of a mistake.—Havas. ter built last year and was one of the finest units of the Dutch mer-

cantile fleet.—Havas. The German wireless broadcast Authoritative quarters here cate-

sinking of the Atendskerk. comment was made on the incident tion in the light of what information it can bontrol and verify. Havas. -Reuter.

FEELING HIGH

The Hague, To-day. Feeling is high regarding the sinking of the Arendskerk, in view of the circumstances, disclosing it to have been a deliberate act of war against a Dutch steamer, with no possibility

Nazi Charges Denled (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL)

yesterday afternoon the news of the gorically deny the allegations of D.N.B., official German news agency, The master of the Arendskerk, the that the Allies inspired the military announcer said, had reported that his preparations in Molland and Belgium. ship had been stopped and torpedoed They add that the Dutch Governby a German submarine. No further ment considers the international situaThe Wise Drink

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On Oct. 2, 1932, I became a fullyfledged member of the German National Socialist Party.

Before long, as was customary for new members, I was introduced to Dr. Goebbels. In a short interview he asked me about my professional training, my knowledge of languages, and my personal circumstances.

He seemed already pretty well-informed about me—thanks probably to my branch leader.

In April, 1933, I was appointed to the Propaganda Ministry and took over the archives of Italy, Austria, Hungary, Greece, the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, the League of Nations and the Vatican.

Later Hitler's personal archives, in which everything by him and about him is kept-speeches, photographs, reactions to his personality and so on -were turned over to me.

It took me quite a while to discover that the 700 officials in the Ministry collected a vast amount of knowledge

ELIZABETH KNAUST

only to hide it from the German people or to give it to them falsisled in form and content.

After two years in the Ministry looked frantically for an escape.

The falsifications became more streamlined and more unscrupulous with every month that went by. could have felt comfortable only if I had forgotten everything that had posal. The order would be given to been taught me by my parentstruthfulness, honesty, idealism.

Sometimes in spite of my awareness of the double-mouthed policy of the Third Reich I fell victim to our own propaganda until some development made the truth clear to me again.

I remember, for example, the time when the then Foreign Minister, von Neurath, prepared and concluded the so-called "friendship" treaty with Austria.

In diplomatically-phrased sentences the treaty stated that the activity of the Austrian Nazis-illegal and directed

from Berlin, would stop. I remember the solemn declarations of Hitler himself, that he would respect the independence of Austria. Not less than three such declarations he

made.

In my Austrian files I soon had proof that the opposite of what we said was being done.

The illegal Nazi Press of Austria did not go out of business as had been agreed. The stream of illegal Austrian Nazi newspapers and leasiets flowed uninterruptedly into my files and their language became more violent.

It was disgusting to watch the satisfaction on the faces of Goebbels and his immediate subordinates when brought them Austrian materials.

Poor Schuschnigg, I thought, and poor Germany that was ruled by professional tricksters.

The propaganda of the Ministry in foreign countries in general is organised on three principles. First, violent

BRITISH **SKIPPERS** HOME

London, To-day. British mercantile marine officers who were captured by the Admiral Graf Spee and released when she was driven into Montevideo, have arrived at Tilbury. They will proceed to the Admiralty to report about their experlences aboard the Graf Spec. -Reuter.

anti-Semitism; second, a subtle, antichurch agitation; third, a violent peace policy.

Anti-Semitism is good business for many people.

If you infect the neighbourhood with anti-Semitism, then people will buy in your shop and not in the shop of your Jewish competitor.

Propaganda against the church must be carried on even more subtly than that against the Jews.

The church is hated by the Nazis because the church preaches tolerance and that is just the opposite of Hitler's teachings.

The churches are further hated because of their organisations which the Nazis envy; and, third, the church properties are a rich booty which they

In the Ministry we had routine expressions for the different types of anti-church propaganda at our display up "immorality" or "mismanagement" or "interference with the State."

Then I had to dig out an example for the editors at the "Press conference" where they get their orders, some old story of a priest who did not live up to his vows, and soon similar stories were smeared over all the front pages in the Third Reich.

Or I had to collect from all my files material which showed that church property had been mismanaged-not necessarily fraudulently, perhaps only in ignorance.

The conclusion, then, was easily reached that it was necessary to take over these properties, not only in the interests of the nation but also in the interests of the church itself to which a great service would thereby be done.

The third stock-in-trade of the propaganda in foreign countries is the slogan: No War!

The basis of the Department's work is one of the Leader's pet theories namely, that Imperial Germany lost the World War because the allegedly very clever and unscrupulous propaganda of the Allies broke its spirit.

This must not happen again. The boast of the Department is that every action of Germany will be assured of success before it is started—by a propaganda which wears down the nerves of the enemy.

An interruption in the monotony of the job was the thirty-ninth birthday of our boss, Goebbels. The day was celebrated in great fashion.

On the great day delegations with (Continued on Page 11)

By George McManus

Bringing



LOSS OF THREE BRITISH SUBMARINES IN THE BIGHT

London, To-day.

THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES that during the past week, three British submarines have not returned to their bases nor reported, and it is feared that they must now be regarded as lost.

They are the Seahorse, Undine and Starfish. All three submarines, says the Admiralty communique, were "engaged on particularly hazardous service."

The loss of two is mentioned in a German high command communique, which says they were destroyed by "German defence measures" in the Heligoland Bight and that part of the crews were saved.

These are the first British submarines to have been sunk by enemy action during the present war.

The Undine was a small ship of 540 tons, with a complement of 27 men. Completed in September, 1938, she was a sister-ship of the Ursula which, it will be recalled, sank a German light cruiser under particularly daring circumstances last month.

The Starfish, one of four of the Swordfish class, was of 640 tons and carried a complement of 40 men. She was completed in 1933.

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(Continued from Page 10) presents arrived from morning until night. Soon the Ministry was filled with all kinds of knick-knacks.

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Also I had my own fortune in Germany; two houses, my apartment, and my bank account. Would I leave them behind? They obviously thought not. I was not allowed to take more than four dollars with me.

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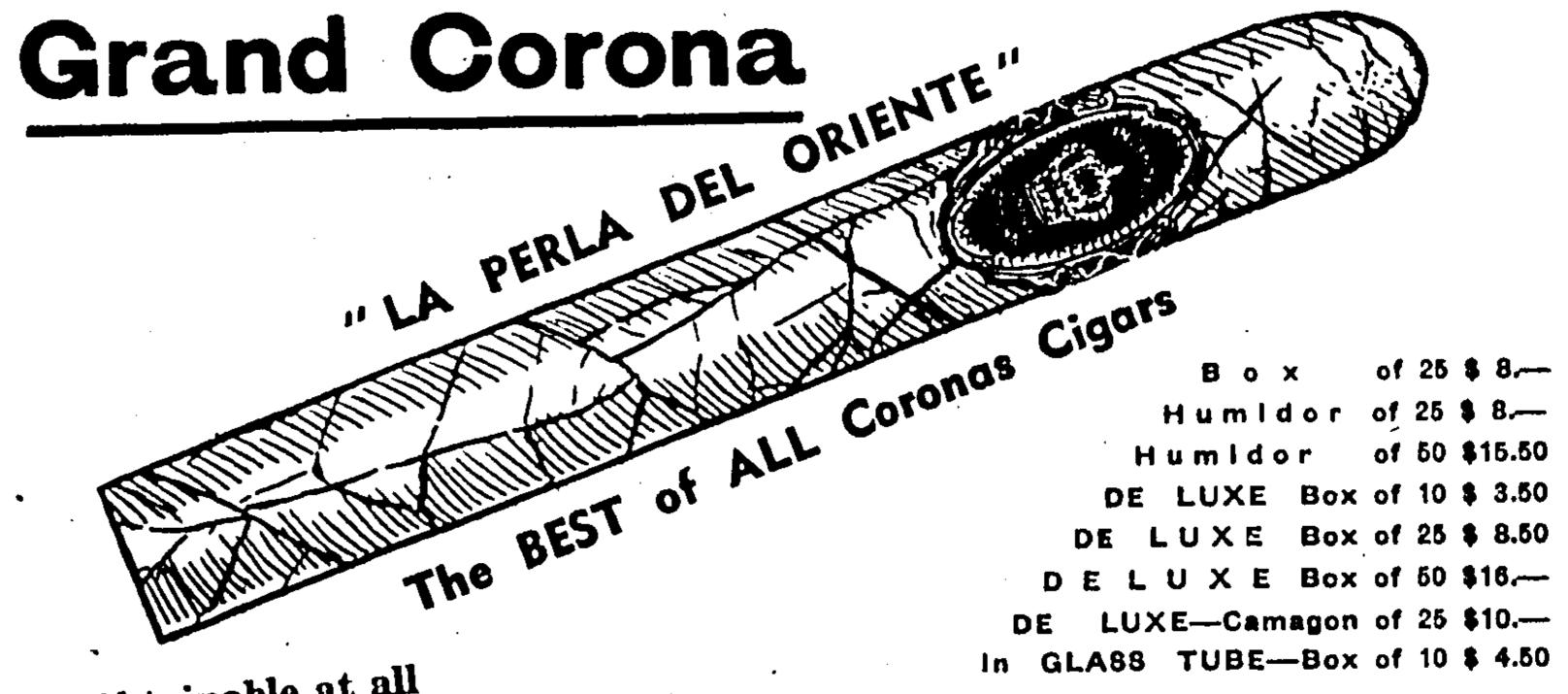
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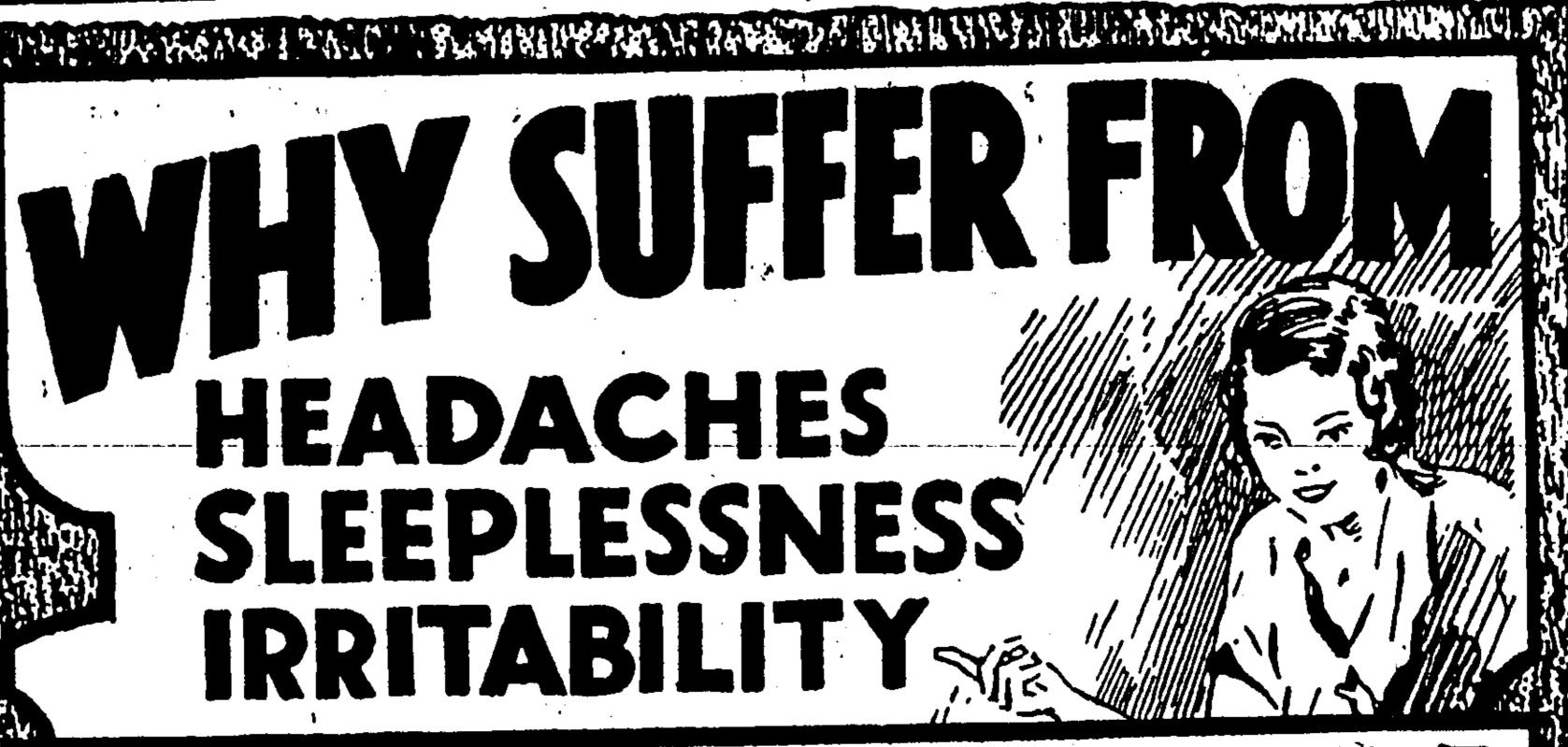
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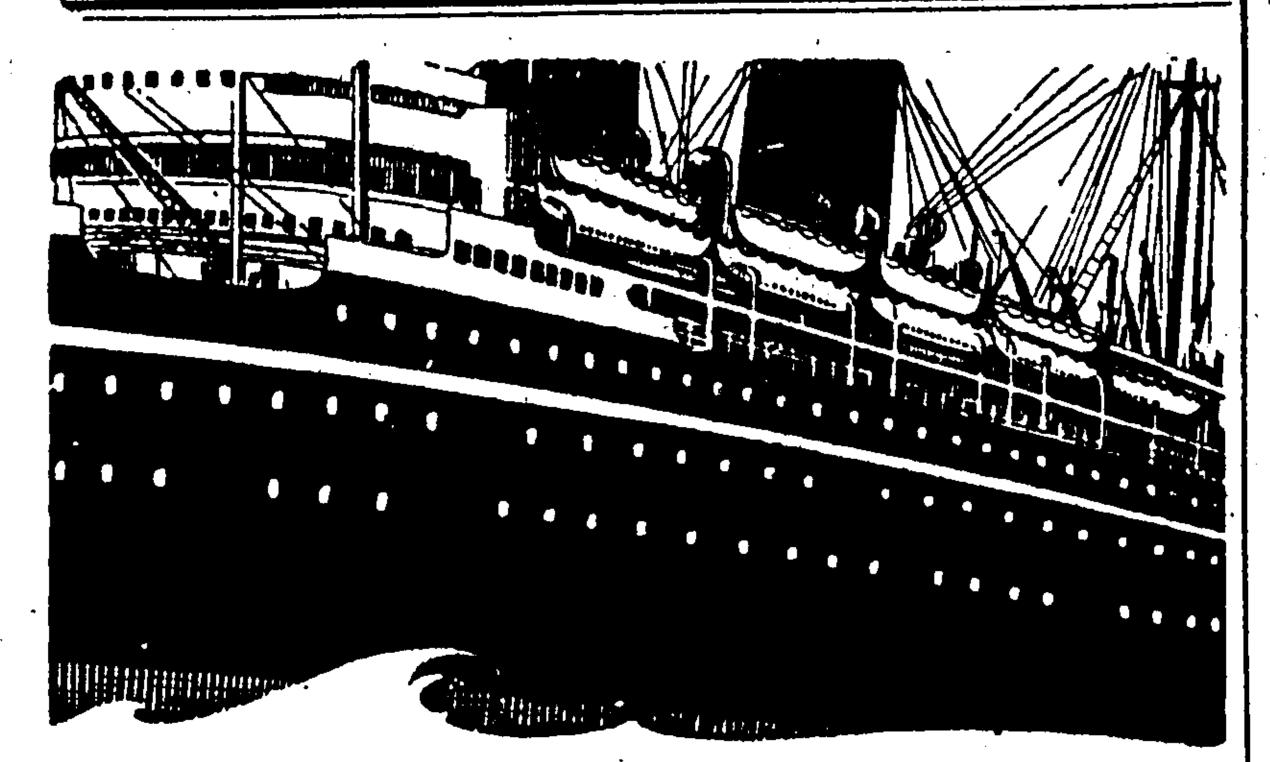


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- gathering
- 18 Pronoun 19 Constellation
- , 21 Latin
- conjunction
- 22 Coniferous tree
- 24 Hebrew letter
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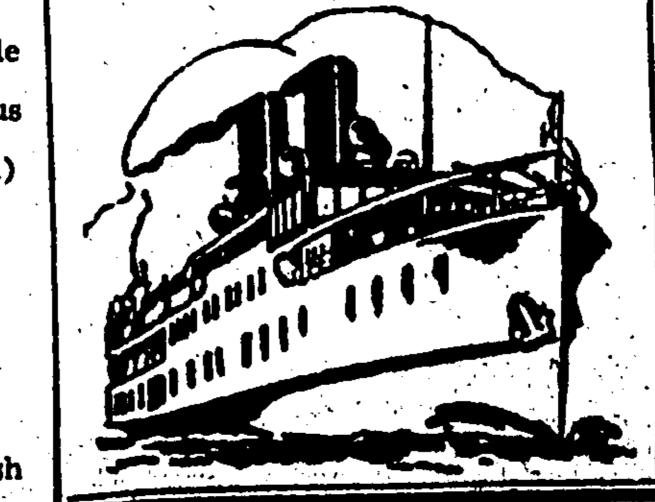
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Victoria, British Columbia-Although his own Liberal party has pledged itself to oppose any such policy, T. D. Pattullo, Premier of British Columbia, speaking in the Legislature here recently, advocated the conscription, of Canadian man power and money to win the present

Mr. Pattullo urged that the Government go further in measures for the prosecution of the war, but that "under no conditions shall we be permitted to advocate that the Government should do less than it is doing. If we do that we perform an act of hostility against the King."

He declared that man power and wealth should be used to every extent expedient and necessary to the preservation of liberty and freedom.

Mr. Pattullo warned the socialistic politicians of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation that no more anti-war speeches would be tolerated in the Legislature.

FREEDOM OF PRESS CITED

Contention that the jurors who convicted two Germans in an espionage case were prejudiced by newspaper articles in the Canal Zone brought from Robert Weinstein, Assistant United States Attorney, a declaration that "the Government can't tell the newspapers what to do as long as we have a Democratic government."

The United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals took under advisement following a hearing, appeals for Hans Henrich Schackow and Ernest Robert Kuhrig, under sentence to two years imprisonment for photographing defence areas at Fort Randolph, Canal Zone.

Attorney Jones T. Prowell argued there was no evidence the defendants intended to injure the United States and that "nothing would have been thought of the matter if the newspapers had not come out the next day with headlines: "Spies" Caught "in Canal Zone.' "

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted in London yesterday at 22-3/16 for Spot and 22-3/16 for forward.

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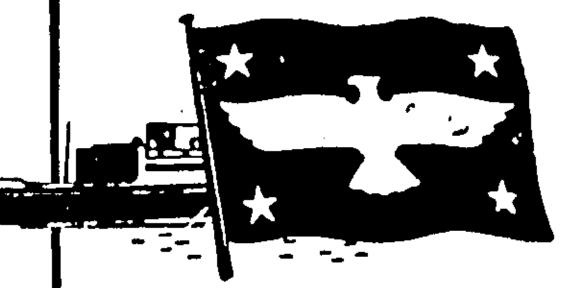
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VICTIM OF INSURANCE EX-NAZI'S FRAUD PLOT

On July 30, 1925, Charles Henry Schwartz, chemist and promoter of the Pacific Cellulose Company, remained longer than usual in the test room of the plant in Walnut Creek, Cal. His wife, who was disturbed by his failure to return home at the customary hour, telephoned him and he assured her that he expected to leave in about 20 minutes.

Five minutes after that message had gone over the wire there was a terrific explosion in the laboratory of the company and the plant of the Pacific Cellulose Company from which Schwartz expected to make a fortune was a hopeless wreck.

It was known that the chemist was in the building at the time and as soon as possible the police and firemen and a host of volunteer workers began | report of a pistol inside the aparta search of the ruins. Eventually ment. When the door was broken they discovered a leg sticking out of | down the dead body was found to be the doorway of the laboratory in that of Charles Henry Schwartz. This which Schwartz had been conducting time there was no question about the his experiments. It was part of a identification. The chemist left a note charred and battered corpse which in which he said he had killed Barbe was all but unrecognisable. The body in self-defence, after the evangelist was about the size of the chemist. had attacked him. He caused the The remains of the moustache and a explosion to cover up the crime. iners that it was that of Schwartz. the police believe that the whole was a complete failure. The final clue was a missing tooth in the mouth of the corpse.

It developed that Schwartz had been insured for a large sum placed by some at \$100,000. It was also known that his business had not been successful. The widow and relatives of the chemist were satisfied with the identification, but the insurance company was not. There was a postmortem and as a result the positive announcement was made that the body was not that of Charles Henry

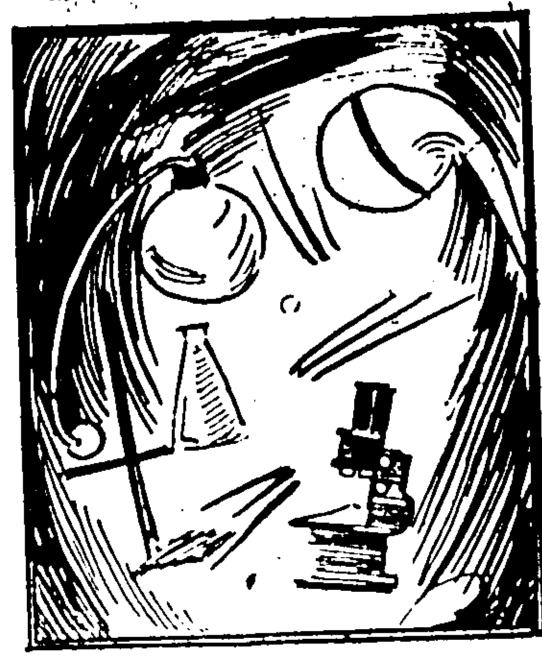
GEORGE BARTON

Schwartz. The tips of the fingers had been cut off, the face and hands had been covered with acid and - most convincing of all — it was proved that the missing tooth had been chiseled out.

One employee of the works - Joe Rodriguez -- was missing, but just when the police had decided to accord him the honour of being the burnt corpse he walked into the station house and assured them that he was alive. In the meantime the police, under the alert direction of Captain Clarence Lee, discovered a number of religious books and hymnals on the floor of the wrecked test room. It recalled the fact that George Barbe, a wandering evangelist, had been in the vicinity of the plant at the time of the explosion. In the end it was proved that he was the dead man,

But what had become of Schwartz? Captain Lee worked rapidly and it was not long before he ascertained that a man resembling the missing. chemist had rented a room in an |apartment house in Oakland shortly before the explosion. The manager said that at 4 o'clock in the morning after the disaster his tenant had come to him in an excited condition to take possession of the room. He gave his name as Harold Warren. His clothing was torn und his hands and face bruised. He explained his condition by saying he had been in an automobile accident.

One night C. W. Hayward, manager of the apartment house, saw a picture of the missing Schwartz in a newspaper. He happened to lay his hand across the lower part of the face and was struck with the resemblance it bore to Harold Warren, his new lodger. One had a moustache, the other did not. It required but a few minutes to get in touch with Captain Lee. Two squads of police were hurried to the house, one to cover the front and the other the rear, Manager Hayward tapped on the door and called to his tenant to come out. The tragic response was the muffled



JUDGE ON WORD

Kurt Wilhelm Ludecke, author of the book "I Knew Hitler" and by his own admission a former agent of the Nazi Party in the United States, is having more than ordinary difficulty convincing Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle that he is entitled to American citizenship.

For nearly eight hours, with only one five-minute recess, Judge Tuttle fired questions at Mr. Ludecke and then adjourned the hearing to allow Mr. Ludecke to appear with counsel and "all the witnesses you want."

With a copy of Mr. Ludecke's book and a sheaf of notes gleaned from reading it, Judge Tuttle challenged Mr. Ludecke's sincerity in professing to have turned away from Nazlism.

"The fact that I was imprisoned (in a Nazi concentration camp) and the book that I escaped and wrote proves that I am through with the Nazi Party," Mr. Ludecke contended.

affair had not been carefully planned, or that he had not deliberately selected the unfortunate Barbe as his victim in carrying out the insurance plot. But in any event the last ex-It was impossible, however, to make periment of the chemist and inventor



If the boy-friend is as hot as he's supposed to be why is it that he can't prevent cold chills running up and down her spine when the janitor turns off the heat.

WARNING

Reminders have been sent to all subscribers to "The Hong Kong Sunday Herald," "The China Mail" and "The Overland China Mail" whose subscriptions expired on 31st December, 1939, with the request that instructions be sent by return.

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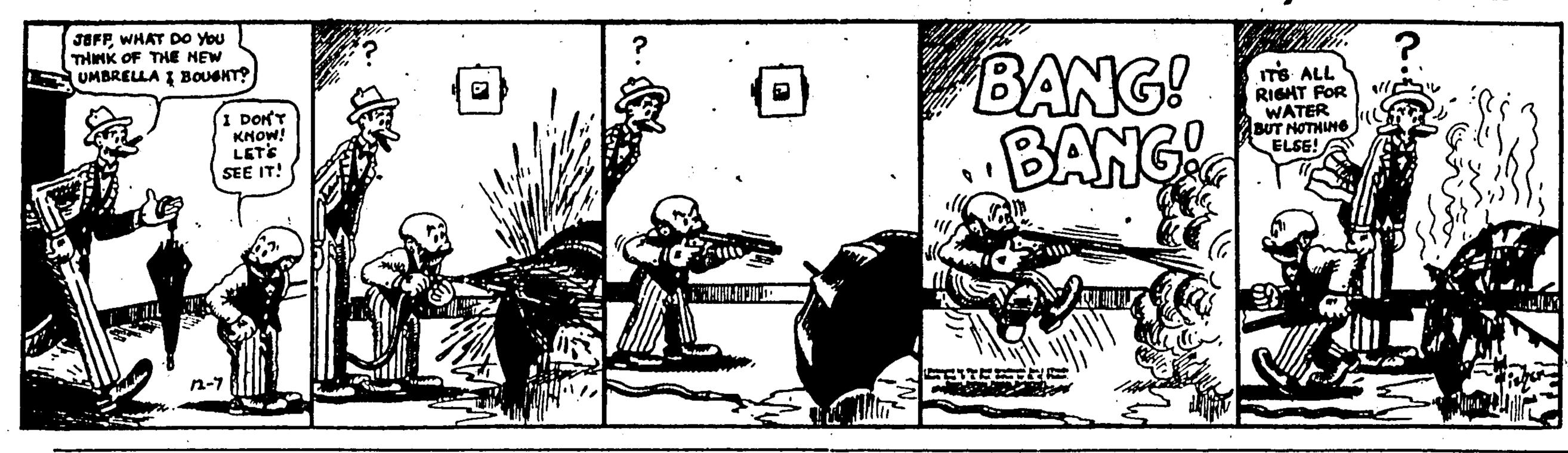
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12.15 p.m. — Short Service of Inter-

cession. 12.30 p.m. — VARIETY with Harold Ramsay, Sam Browne, The Hill Billies and Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. "Careless Rapture"-Music In May (Ivor Novello).....Dorothy Dickson (Soprano) with Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. "The Gold Diggers of 1933"—Selection....

The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall. "Hit The Deck"—Vocal Gems (Youmans)Light Opera Company with Orch.

"On Your Toes"—Slaughter On Tenth

Avenue (Hart & Rodgers)....Paul Whiteman & His Concert Orchestra. 1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announce-

ments. 1.45 p.m.—Gracie Fields and Arthur Askey in a Programme of Latest Dance Music.

Fox-Trot-You're The Only Star, Waltz-Ain't Cha Comin' Out....Dick Robertson & His Orchestra.

Vocal-Wish Me Luck (from 'Shipyard Sally')....Gracle Fields with Choir and

Orchestra. Fox-Trot-On The Outside Looking In (from 'The little dog laughed')....Billy Cotton & His Band.

Vocal-The Washing On The Siegfried Line (Kennedy & Carr); Adolf (Mills)....Arthur Askey with Orchestra. Quickstep—The-Girl Who Loves A Soldier

(from 'The little dog laughed')....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots-I Poured My Heart Into A Song

(film 'Second Fiddle'); An Old-Fashioned Tune Always Is New (film 'Second Fiddle')....Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

Organ. Medley. Intro: Ca c'est Paris; Harbour Boo-Hoo: Little old Lady of Poverty

Street: Red, White and Blue. Musical Sweethearts. Intro: Polly; Dinah; Nola; Dainty Miss; Miss Annabelle Lee; Somebody stole my Gal.

6.13 p.m.—Light Symphony Orchestra. Homage March (Haydn Wood). Concert Waltz-Joyousness (Haydn Wood). Mon Reve (Waldteufel). Bal Masque (Fletcher).

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Haroid Williams (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra. The Merry-Go-Round (Lockton & Tate); When The Harvest's In (Standale Bennett)....Harold Williams (Baritone) with

Plano. Bells Across The Meadow (Ketelbey); The Phantom Melody (Ketelbey).... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crean.

In An Old Fashioned Town (Harris & Squire); If I Might Come To You (Weatherly & Squire)....Harold Williams (Baritone) with Plano.

These Foolish Things-Selection (Noel Gay).....London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.

7.00 p.m.—Dance Music by Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra with Young and Forsythe on Two-Planos. Fox-Trots-Did I Remember?; A Star Fell Out Of Heaven....Maurice Winnick & His Orchestra.

Rumbas On Toast. Intro: La Cucuracha; Mama Inez; The Carioca; Siboney.... Arthur Young and Reginald Foresythe on Two Pianos with String Bass and Drums.

Fox-Trots-You (film 'The Great Ziegfeld'); A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody (film 'The Great Ziegfeld').....Maurice Winnick & His Orchestra.

More Rumbas On Toast. Intro: Tony's Wife; Side walks of Cuba; Green eyes; When Yuba plays the Rumba on the Tuba....Arthur Young and Reginald Foresythe on Two Pianos with String Bass and Drums.

Fox-Trots—Some Other Time; On Treasure Island.... Maurice Winnick & His Orch. Fox-Trot-Take My Heart.... Maurice Winnick & His Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.-London Relay-The News. 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather

Report and Announcements. 8.03 p.m.—Piano Solos. Prelude In G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff)....Mischa Levitzki. Prelude In B Flat (Rachmaninoff).

Polichinelle (Rachmaninoff).Leff Pouishnoff. 8.15 p.m.—Rachmaninoff — Symphony

No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 27. Eugene Ormandy and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. 9.05 p.m.—Studio--Comments on Re-

cent Events. 6.00 p.m.-Robinson Cleaver at the 9.15 p.m.-London Relay-News Sum-

mary. Lights; Massed Bands of the Guards; 9.30 p.m.—An Hour of the Latest Dance Music.

Fox-Trot-There's Something Wrong With The Weather....Billy Cotton & His Band. Quickstep-In The Middle Of A Dream. Waltz-Love Never Grows Old Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

Rumba Fox-Trot-Lady, Play Your Mandolin....Havana Novelty Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot-I Never Knew Heaven Could Speak (film 'Rose of Washington Square').

Waltz-There's Danger In The Waltz (from 'The little dog laughed')....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra. March-The Daughter of Mademoiselle

From Armentieres.... Harry Roy & His Orchestra. Fax-Trots-Boom; I Get Along Without You Very Well....Jay Wilbur & His Band.

Beer Barrel Polka.... Harry Roy & His Orchestra___ Waltz-Roses Are Blooming In LovelandThe Organ, The Dance Band and Me. Fox-Trots-Tears From My Inkwell: You

Grow Sweeter As The Years Go By.... Jay Wilbur & His Band. Tango-Summer evening in Santa Cruz. Slow Fox-Trot-The Moon remembered but

you Forgot (from 'Let's be Famous').... Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody. Fox-Trot Intermezzo—Merry and Bright. Polka-Keep Young!....George Boulanger

& His Orchestra. 💉 Reg. Trots-F. D. R. Jones; Stairway To The Stars,... Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

10.30 p.m. - Selections from Light Opera.

"H.M.S. Pinafore"-Selection (Sullivan).... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. "Monsieur Beaucaire"—Vocal Gems (Messager)....Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

"Lilac Time"-Selection (Schubert, arr. Berte & Clutsam)....Organ Solo by Harry Davidson.

"The Miracle"—Selection (Humperdinck)London Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.-London Rolay - Phillip Baker/on "Matters of Moment". 11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS

Al Sobel, the well-known tourns- | had to lead into the spade tenace. ment director, mournfully approached us to describe a hand which he ad- | clarer's high diamond, he would have mitted cost him top score in a recent | been set. He would have discarded-Duplicate game. "While the opponents bid optimistically," said Mr. I trumped his losing club in dummy. Sobel, "I could have defeated the hand The heart Queen would then be led. by a peculiar defensive play."

Duplicate Bridge South, Dealer Both sides vulnerable ♠ Q 10 8 6 3 ♡ Q 10 2 A A J 7 5 Mr. Sebel **▲** KJ74 ♥ J 6 K 4 3 **♦** 5 3 10 9 8 7 ♣ K Q 10 A 9 8 7 5 AKQJ

The bidding: South West North East Pass 1 Pass 80 Pass 80 Pass Pass 54 Pass Pass Равв Pass

"I opened the King of clubs," Mr. Sobel explained. "Dummy's Ace won and Declarer then played three top diamonds. I trumped the third round with the heart HIGH CARD WALUES six and dummy overtrumped with the FOUR-ACES TYSTEM The heart

ALE ... 3 Queen was then led KINC .. 2 QUEEN 1 and my partner's King and my jack fell JACK ... simultaneously. Declarer then ran off all his high trumps and

his remaining diamond; thereby me completely. I squeezing held on to the club Queen and the King — Jack of spades and of course was thrown in with the club and then Inc.)

"However, if I had not trumped Deall three of dummy's clubs and then My partner would cover and I would then win a trick with the heart Jack and exit by playing my top club. Thus I would not have been squeezed and would have eventually won a trick with the spade King. In my own defence," Mr. Sobel concluded, "I must claim that it was difficult to foresee how the hand would develop."

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner yesterday. Neither side was vulnerable and you held:

> J 9 5 4 Ø K 10 9 5 4 QJ2

The bidding: _ You Maler Jacoby Burnstone $2 \Diamond$ (?) 1

hand is not quite strong enough for a free bid of two spades. Score 100% for pass, 70% for two spades, 0 for any other bid.

ANSWER: You should pass. This

QUESTION NO. 810 You are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

> \Diamond III AKQXX

tomorrow.)

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CRICKET NOTES

BATS WELL AINSLIE

Carries The Civil Service C.C. Against R.A.F.

LAWRENCE'S FINE KNOCK AGAINST C.C.C.

(By "ADREM")

Saturday produced the first draw in a League match; thus far five games having been won outright out of six fixtures. This game was played at the Valley between Civil Service and Royal Air Force and the hitherto not highlyconsidered C.S.C.C. team displayed their best form.

To thank for their success was G. Ainslie, former C.B.S. boy, who batted extremely well against a fine bowling side to score 86.

in a useful fourth wicket partnership and hit 16 boundaries. Another recent member of the C.B.S. team also innings by Winch helped to rectify matters did well, G. Stone being secondhighest scorer with 33.

With the respectable total of 183 behind -them there was never much danger of Civil -Service being defeated. Actually, had they been able to get rid of W. G. New, who carried his bat for 68 out of 100, there is ·little doubt that they would have won, as they managed to dispose of all the Air 'Force's best bats.

Club de Recreio had a bad afternoon against Police, and were up against it throughout. Lewis and Pope, who opened the Police attack, proved much too powerful usual, were given a splendid start by Mula combination for the King's Park side and cahy and Francis Lay. The former batted in a very short space of time they lost five | really well, while Lay was his usual solid of their best wickets for only 19.

Then came a promising stand between A. V. Gosano and G. A. Guterres, which appeared likely to add quite a few. Guterres. Team. Baxter and Broadbridge, did well to however, in having a beat at Danbrowsky's score 16 and 26, respectively. Curtis also first ball was ruled stumped, a decision distinguished himself with an enterprising which from the pavilion appeared rather knock of 24 not out. He is certainly a doubtful. The outgoing batsman had shaped find for the Champions as he is easily their confidently and was just beginning to open steadlest bowler. out when dismissed.

GOSANO'S BATTING

A. V. Gosano was rather a surprise. His total experience in cricket has been confined for 44. to the last two years and one might have expected rather crude methods. His methods were not crude by any means. He brings his bat down very straight and uses. his feet quite nicely.

After his dismissal there was not much more to it. Danbrowsky, bowling some very cunning slows, proved too good. His figures would have been even more impressive had he not come up against J. A. Soares.

Why the latter was not put in earlier is beyond me. He played three beautiful shots off Danbrowsky, all of which went for four, but this effort was too belated as Mendonca was unable to survive Forrest's next over.

At the outset of the Police innings, it appeared that Recreio, as they have a habit of doing, might pull the game off as they had two Police wickets down without a run being scored.

Stephens, in attempting to hook Guterres, failed to get on top of the ball and Soares at square-leg took a simple catch, and Loughlin, in the same over, was caught by, ·Gosano, also off Guterres.

Further success might have attended Recrelo's efforts had they accepted a chance offered off his first ball by Pope. Not only was this catch put down, however, but several others that followed.

Tommy Hunter, who batted very nicely for 29, and Pope saw the scores tied and afterwards Danbrowsky scored freely, the Police total being carried to 144 for 9 when stumps were drawn.

Recreto bowling was not very impressive. Guterres tried hard and Gosano kept a good length but it must have been particularly discouraging for these bowlers in having their catches dropped—not a usual habit of the Recreio team.

LAWRENCE HITS HARD

Army's bowling once again let them down. On Saturday, after a shaky start, they puttogether 142, a fair enough score for a League match. Capt. Whatman made 23 but finest innings of the match was played by Lawrence, who is one of the most dashing batsmen in the Colony.

· Lawrence always gives the impression -that if he would curb a desire to hit boundaries off every ball he would make a stack of runs. If he doesn't do that now, however, he still plays a brand of cricket that always. makes him a pleasure to watch.

Major Swyres also made a useful score. while Q.M.S. Green, who is better known in Army circles for his bowling; took part in a . useful last-wicket stand with Swyres.

There was a suggestion of real village cricket about him! With the score at at least reasonable proportions, Swyers fell to outfield.

He was associated with Victor Bond | Army's limited stock of bowlers tried hard but without much success-Youngsaye and Hung scored freely and although Craigengower then fell behind the clock, a good and with Omar doing his bit, the game was won in the last over of the day. Craigengower gave a sound all-round display, although I think the Army Captain might have tried Whatman as a bowler-his left hand swingers can be most disconcerting.

> University 2nd XI, despite all the rude things that have been said about them, started off their League programme quite promisingly and if there had been a bit more batting in the side might have done leven better.

K.C.C. took first use of the wicket and, as

The two erstwhile members of the First for 9, Cork 1 for 18, Ship 1 for 17.

University's earlier batsmen could not get | going, although Kenneth Lo was shaping T well before being beaten by one of Curtis' best deliveries. Chin played a valuable innings, hitting hard if not always correctly

Curtis was easily the best K.C.C. bowler, taking 5 for 19 in a little over eight overs, while Baxter also took a couple of useful

IN COLONY

Rev. C. B. R. Sargent, former headmaster of Diocesan Boys' School and one of the most enthusiastic cricket members of Kowloon Cricket Club, is now in the Colony on a brief visit.

This afternoon, at D.B.S., he will lead a team against the School.

Rev. Sargent is now Bishop of Fuklen Province.

ARMY CRICKET

BAILEY'S

Royal Engineers scored an easy victory over the Royal Air Force at cricket at Sookunpoo yesterday.

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HOYAL ENGINEERS
Bailey retired
Pellen, b Mancarrow
Radcliffe retired
Wilkinson, c Waddington, b Nancarrow
Green, run out
Tate, not out
Goodman, b Nancarrow
Cork, not out
Extras
Total 1

Bowling: Nancarrow-three; for 44.



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FINCHER'S CENTURY IN GLASSES!

(By "ADREM")

Cricket Kowloon seniors had a fleld-day Saturday at Hong Kong Cricket Club, where they ran up the huge total of 234 for 4 in about 90 minutes.

For this they had to thank Ernie Fincher, Duggie Hung, and to a less degree, Donald

Anderson. Anderson and Hung opened. The former was dropped by Fortescue behind the wicket before he had scored and for a long time was unable to get the ball away.

Hung, however, was in great form and batted more attractively than he has done hitherto this season, to score 43, which included eight fours.

DOMINATES SCORING Fincher got going as soon as he reached the wicket and completely dominated the scoring. Dropped by McLellan, at slip, before he had scored very many, he hit no fewer than 18 boundaries in his 101 scored out of 172.

It is interesting to note that Fincher batted in glasses for the second time. On the first occasion, against Civil Service, he was run out before reaching 20. I don't think he will be at all chary about batting in them again!

Club's bowling was not good apart from Perry and a few nice ones from John Pearce, and, on the easy wicket, it was not 3 surprising that they had a pretty sorry time of it.

Richardson and Fortescue gave Club # good start. The latter made 23 but I am told was not very impressive. "Dickie" Richardson, on the other hand, batted really well, hitting a six and 13 boundaries in his

There was not very much else to the Club innings although they were never in any 85 | real danger of defeat.

Goodwin made a welcome reappearance to the K.C.C. side but is evidently in need of a spot of nets!

CLUB'S FINE WIN Club second eleven did very well to win 12 against I.R.C. The latter opened quite o steadily but Rumjahn was extremely lucky 3 in being given not out to a catch behind the wicket off Charlton.

When the opening pair looked like settling down, a change in the bowling saw the partnership broken and, with the two follow-Ship, Denyer and Carpenter did not bat. ing men going cheaply, things looked dark for the home side until-Ismail came in and let out at everything-not classic but useful. The tall did not wag however and the innings was over in just under two hours.

> for 166. K. M. Rumjahn was by far the best bat in the home side and his innings was well worth watching.

Razack lifted a few dangerously but luckily just out the reach of the fielders. Club's fast bowlers were disappointing although Dow was handicapped by a badly cut left hand.

Robb bowled steadily, apart from one or two loose ones, with his high delivery proving deceptive.

The out-fielding was not good, though four "cripples" were included in the side. Special mention should be made of Parson's catch to dismiss M. R. Abbas.

When the visitors batted, the Indian bowlers gained a brief ascendancy, Bishop and Paterson going cheaply, but Parsons and Armstrong brought the score up, though very slowly indeed.

When Parsons went, Booker watched one right on to the wicket, Mitchell followed to a good catch in the outfield and then Armstrong mishit Barma to put the Club in a bad way. Potter, however, came to the rescue and, with a good, though perhaps not classic innings, with help from Robb, the Club just managed to get ahead of the clock and, in fact, the winning hit was scored in the last over.

Indian bowling lacked variety, Y. T. Barma with his deceptive flighting of the ball, proving the most dangerous. The fielding was poor, several sitters being bungled.

K.C.C. TEAMS

The following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club in their League games with Craigengower Cricket Club on Satur-

First XI (Home)-F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, N. A. E. Mackay, N. D. Lloyd, D. Hung, W. L., Rapley, A. Zimmern and T. A. Madar.

Becond XF (Away) W: Mulcahy, G. E. Taylor, G. A. Goodban, R. Baltiwin, S. A. Gray, F. J. Lay, R. M. Baxter R. T. Broadbridge, R. A. J. Simp-

Navy Ground For H.K.V.B.C.?

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following are this week's soccer:fintunes:—

TO-MORROW

Kotewall Cup Competition v Navy Army (Sookunpoo 4.00 p.m.). Referee:-Silva.

SATURDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1940

Senior Shield 2nd Round . China "B" 🕟 v St. Joseph's (Caroline Hill 4.00 p.m.). Referee:-Beard. Linesmen:—Banham and Adlard. First Division

v Kowloon **Police** (Boundary Road 4.00 p.m.). Referee:-Ip. Linesmen:-Wyper and Copsey. v Eastern Navy (Causeway Bay 4.00 p.m.).

Referee:-Ford. Linesmen:-Carley and Baker. v Kwong Wah Club

(Club 4.00 p.m.). Referee:—Hinchliffe. Linesmen:-Ient and Pearson. Junior Shield Replay 1st Round v 24th R.A. Kowloon (Kowloon 4.00 p.m.).

Referee:-Stokes. v S. China "A" Electric (Caroline Hill 2.30 p.m.). Referee:—Silva.

Junior Shield (Second Round v Engineers Eastern (Club 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Mitchell. Second Division "A" R.A.O.C. v 30th R.A. (Sookunpoo 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:-Glover. v 8th R.A. 5th R.A. (St. Joseph's 4.00 p.m.). Referee:—Omar.

Second Division "B" v Signals University (Kowloon 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Foster.

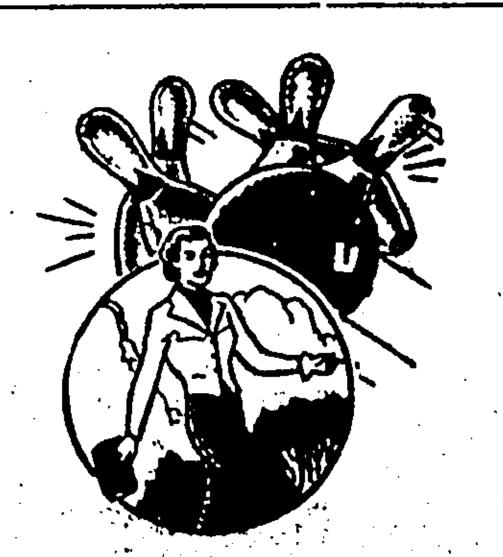
Third Division International v Kumaons (Military 2.30 p.m.). Referee:—Hobson.

v Engineers Royal Scots (St. Joseph's 2.30 p.m.). Referee:—Smith.

v 5th R.A. R.A.M.C. (Military 4.00 p.m.). Referee:---Dove.

SUNDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1940

Kotewall Cup Competition v Army or Navy South China (Caroline Hill 4.00 p.m.). Referee:—Minniham. Linesmen:-Foster and Goss. Third Division v Electric R.A.S.C. (Sookunpoo 2.30 p.m.). Referee:—Barretto. v 12th R.A. 24th R.A. (Sookunpoo 2.30 p.m.). Referee:—Phillips. South China v Signals (Caroline Hill 2.30 p.m.). Referee:--Horlock.



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NON-CLUB MEN

(By "ADREM")

Discussion at Recreio on Saturday, where Volunteers played the Champions in a whole day cricket game, centred on the possibility of the Corps taking over the Navy ground in King's Park, now being allowed to go to seed.

RUGBY

MEDICALS NAVY "A"

Aided by several of their first team players, a Navy "A" fifteen over-Royal Army Medical whelmed Corps by a goal and four tries (17 points) to a try (3 points) in a friendly Rugby game at Causeway Bay yesterday.

The Navy included two Australian Naval Reservists in Little and Johnstone and both played well in their respective positions.

The Navy combined better and were safer in their handling, Medicals spoiled many good movements by faulty passing or handling.

The outstanding player in the Medical team was Leigh at forward who has not played much Rugby this

season. The Navy soon asserted their superiority and were soon in the lead when Little went over for a try which Jeffries converted. The last named player and Carter scored further tries before the interval.

In the second period, Leigh, who was prominent among the forwards, scored the only try for Medicals and after that Navy added further tries through O'Riordan and Teare.

As the Navy were one player short, Lieut. Carter, who was to have refereed of Medicals officiated.

Mid. Teare, Little, Bowden, Carter, Roscoe and R. Leigh. Mid. O'Riordan; L. S. A. Palmer, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Ldg. Sig. Ferris; A.B. Jeffery, Johnstone, Paul; C. Wtr. King, Pay. Sub. Lt. Summer.

R.A.M.C. - Pte. Morgan; Pte. Mac-Donald, Cpl. Hanlan, Pte. Wigglesworth, Pte. Milne; Pte. Whybro, Cpl. Edge; Cpl. Van Millingen, Cpl. Chandler, Pte. Furnell; Pte. Bishop, Howe; Pte. Mohan, Leigh, Pte. Minney.

CLUB "A" TEAM

Following will represent Club "A" against Kai Tak to-day at the Valley at 4.45 p.m.:—R. Rutherford; R. M. Lavan Leeuwen (Captain); A. H. R. cluded.

It is certainly not in the best condition, although, I believe, unofficial efforts are being made by a Naval enthusiast to keep the ground in some sort of shape pending Navy's return to the game locally.

One of the most nicely situated grounds in the Colony in the matter of lighting and general convenience, it seems a great pity that it is not being made use of.

Various reasons have been put forward regarding the reason for Navy's decontinuance of its cricket activities, the general one being the War.

COULD GET SIDES . I have, nevertheless, been told by someone well-informed, that Navy could turn out the sides quite easily and that the real reason for the closing of the ground is that those in authority are reluctant to spend the money necessary for its maintenance. That may or may not be correct, the fact

remains it is now going to waste. If the Volunteers are prepared to take it over. I don't suppose for one moment that the Navy would adopt a dog-in-the-mangerish attitude. It would be in the interests of

all concerned to have the ground put in the right condition again. With a ground of their own, Volunteers would be able to arrange fixtures right through the season, and Sunday cricket, which is very popular with a large section

of the cricket public, would be placed on a sounder footing than ever before. In addition Corps would be able to use the ground for hockey and, largest consideration, would be able to revive their annual athletic meeting, the ground being

ideal for the purpose in addition to provid-

ing much-needed training facilities. NON-CLUB MEN It will be argued that most members of the Corps who play games are well looked after in their own clubs but I have little doubt that there are hundreds, who do not belong to clubs, who would be glad to avail

themselves of an opportunity to play games. I understand that there is a movement afoot to secure the ground for the Volunteers and it will be of interest to all Volunteers to see if anything comes of it.

the game, played, and Major Harvey Butcher and C. G. Tresidder; W. Stoker, R. G. Castleton, E. W. Stout; R. M. Navy. -- Mid Roe; Mne. Jeffries, M. King, L. A. Benn; J. Redman, J.

ARMY TEAM CHOSEN

Following will represent Army against Club's Interport fifteen at Sookunpoo on Saturday next at 4.00 p.m.:-L/Cpl, Picton R.E.; L/Bdr. Richards 8th H.R.A., L/Cpl. Waite R.E., Tel. Paul Navy and Sappr. Artingstall R.E.; Capt. Hook R.A. and L/Cpl. Foley R.E.; Lieut, Hewitt Mdx. R., Corpl. Evans 5th A.A.R.A.; Sergt. Page 5th A.A.R.A.; Lieut, Pinkerton R.S., Corpl. Brinkley R.E. and Lieut. Cuthbertson R.S. Reserves:-Boundr, Marsh 8th H.R.A. and

Corpl. Sheldrake R.E. In order to strengthen the threequarter valle, D. Hynes, P. B. Wilson and H. line Paul, Navy's star back, has been in-

By BEST BALL

Well placed accurate shots pay a premium in golf. Indeed there seems to be a tendency among the pros to put accuracy above distance for with the more lively golf ball to-day, a hard hit ball may have just enough slicing or hooking spin to carry it yards away from its intended destination. Far better to place the ball to some spot on the fairway that will afford a strategic resting place, instead of hitting it all out and having it come to rest yards further along but in some discouraging hazard. This same idea is applicable to shots which must carry a water hazard of considerable width.

Faced with a water carry the ordinary player is seldom certain he is going to make it. Yet instead of picking the narrowest part, consistent with direction, he generally drives the ball straight in the direction of the hole despite the fact that the ball must pass over a greater expanse of water. If it falls short, as it ditten does, the player's tension



grows along with increasing anxiety so that it is not an uncommon sight to see two or three balls follow the first attempt into the pond. - Play it safe over the narrowest part, even though if means making up yardage later. It's easier on the nerves and the score-

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TAIKOO'S FIRST WIN

Taikoo scored their first vic-tory of the season last night in Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League. They beat Kowloon Cricket Club. who turned out a muchdepleted team, by the large margin of 8-1.

Only success scored by the Kowloon side was when J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Stokes beate O. Gillies and Miss Cunningham by 21-6.

J. Clarke and Mrs. Beattle and Mr. and Mrs. R. Main won all their three games.

K.C.C. must now be considered! strong favourites for the wooden-

spoon! J. Clarke and Mrs. Beattle (Taikoo). beat J. L. Anderson and Miss Stokes 21-12' beat A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Smeby .. 21-10' beat J. Merrett and Miss Parsons .. 21-7 R. Main and Mrs. Main (Talkoo). beat Anderson and Miss Stokes 21-8beat Fisher and Mrs. Smeby 21- 8: beat Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7 O. Gillies and Miss Cunningham (Taikóó). lost to Anderson and Miss Stokes ... 6-21

beat Merrett and Miss Parsons 21- 7: ST. JOHN'S

beat Fisher and Mrs. Smeby 23-22:

(By "ADREM")

KING'S

Prior to last week I would have rat-ed the match in "B" Division of the Badminton League scheduled to be played to-night, between St. John's and King's, as being likely to be one of the finest of the season.

-Having-watched-King's-being-beaten by Recreio last week, however, I now have little doubt that St. John's will win handsomely.

Recreio are entertaining Kowloon Sutherland R.S., Pte. Berry Mdx. R.; L/Bdr. Tong and in view of their discovery of form, should not have a great deal of difficulty in winning although the suburban team is capable of causing an upset if taken lightly.

Following is the programme and i some of the teams:—-

PROGRAMME

"B" DIVISION

V. R. C. St. John's Recraio

K. C. C. v. King's College v. Kowloon Tong

V.R.C.—P. Gutterres and A. K. Rumjahn; D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn; J. Souza and F. Castro. K.C.C.-J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher; J. R. Turner and H. S. Jones; B. C. Kevan

and P. Wynter-Blyth. KING'S-H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui; S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung; W. M. Cheung and S. W. Liang.

RECRETO-A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros; R. A. Marques and H. Gonsalves; N. A. Beltrao and R. A. Yvanovich.

KOWLOON TONG-J. L. Stephens and: A. E. H. Castro; N. A. E. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher; R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko.

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WANG'S NEW BAIT TO GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY. CHINESE OBSERVERS ARE EXTREMELY SCEP-

TICAL OF THE POSSIBILITY OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S FAVOURABLE ANSWER TO WANG CHING-WEI'S TELEGRAM.

It is considered that the wording of the telegram, and its publication almost simultaneously with its despatch to Chungking, prove that Wang himself is not placing much confidence in its chances of success.

ITALIANS NO LONGER **FAVOURED**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day. The German authorities have extended to Italian citizens the regulations which since the beginning of the war have governed the entry of foreigners into the Reich.

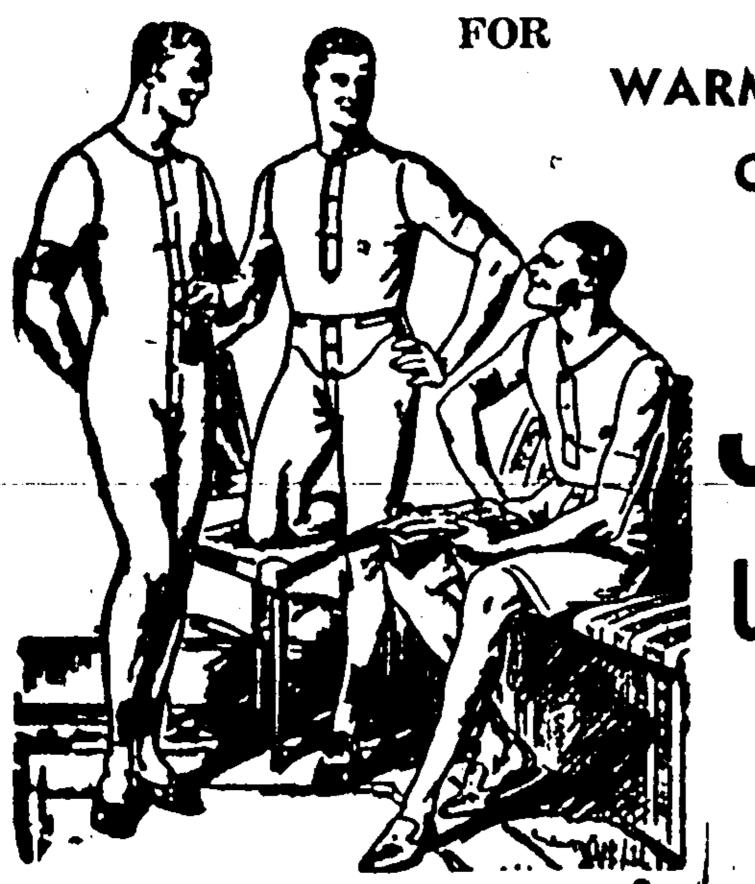
Up to now, Italians have been the Havas.

Some are even of the opinion that the telegram is only a propaganda manoeuvre destined to put the final point on negotiations which failed and which provoked dissensions among Wang's partisans.

It is noted, however, that the telegram bears an important political light, as it shows that the Japanese negotiators might accept a treaty not only from Wang Ching-wei but also from Chiang Kai-shek, who is invited by Wang to form a United Front for peace.—Havas.

only foreigners admitted under almost peace-time visa requirements.

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The Chinese are reported to be threatening the Japanese outposts. on the outskirts of Nanning.—Our Own Correspondent.

London, To-day. The 600,000 workers on Britain's railways have been warned to keep a keen and constant lookout for suspicious characters who may be Nazi agents in disguise, reports the "Daily Telegraph."

The newspaper adds that secret instructions have been sent out by the railway companies to stationmasters, goods agents and heads of departments.

The instructions say that information has been received which suggests that the German Intelligence Service is planning to carry out acts of sabotage in the United Kingdom.

In such an event, the newspaper adds, ilnes of communication are likely to be the first target for enemy action, and immediate prebautionary measures are advised. -Reuter.

Brussels, To-day. circles maintain Official the greatest secrecy regarding the talks last evening between M. Paul Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister, and the British, French and German Ambassadors.

It is understood that the general situation was discussed.

Public lighting in the Verviers district, near the German frontier, is now blacked out nightly from 8 p.m.

In the Eupen district no buses are running. This is partly a precautionary measure and partly due to the requisitioning of transport vehicles by the Army. — Reuter.

The Chinese Industrial Cooperatives' exhibition of products, photographs and paintings, opened at the China Emporium Building (fourth floor) to-day The exhibition was attended by His Excellency the Governor at 2.30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The wedding between Miss Violet Margaret Lillian Bradbury, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Bradbury of Hong Kong and Mr. Sidney Alfred Fowler, third son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Fowler of Hong Kong, will take place at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon on Saturday February 3rd at 3.30 p.m. No invitations are being sent, but all friends are cordially invited to the church and afterwards to the reception which is to be held at the bride's home, "Vernon House" Braga Circuit, Kowloon.

While driving car No. 1716 in Stubbs Road shortly after one o'clock this afternoon, Miss Warburton, a learner driver, who was accompanied by her chauffeur, was forced towards the middle of the road in order to avoid two women.

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